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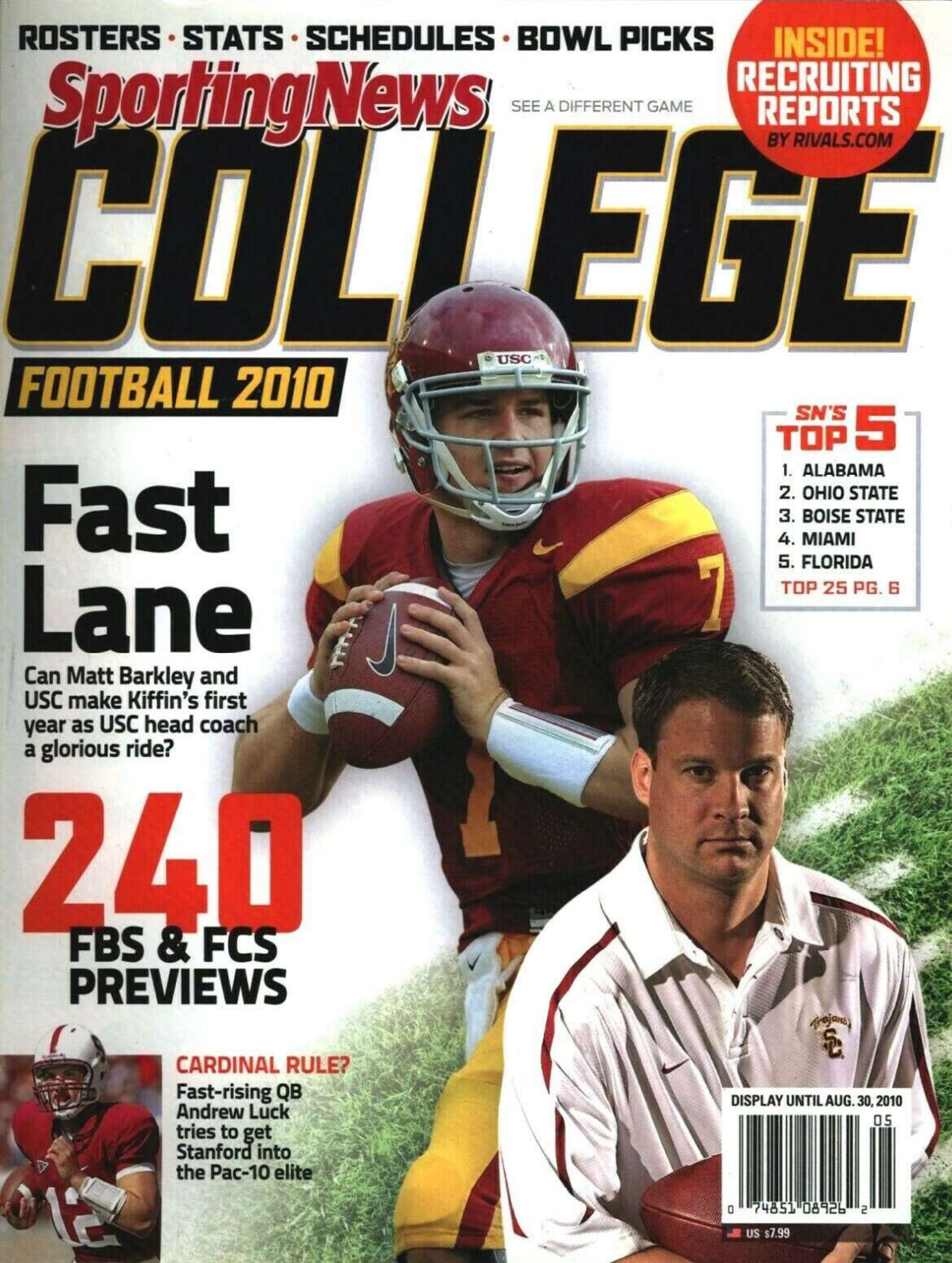

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EDITOR'S NOTE

College football still making move to 21st century

Progress has always been painfully slow in coming to college football. After all, this is a sport that continues to hang on to an antiquated postseason of bowls with no clear-cut way to crown a champion.

We love it like a brother, but that brother can be maddening.

And like a brother, it does things sometimes that make you want to shake your head.

Former Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy addressed the topic last year.

"To think that you would have a black president of the United States and two black men who have won Super Bowls before you would have a black coach at a top-20 school is hard to believe," Dungy said.

Perhaps Dungy's words played a role in the offseason hirings of Virginia's Mike London, Louisville's Charlie Strong, Kansas' Turner Gill, Kentucky's Joker Phillips, Memphis' Larry Porter and East Carolina's Ruffin McNeill—black coaches who had more than paid their dues and proven themselves for a shot at the big time.

Their addition brings the number of black coaches in the Football Bowl Subdivision to 13. That's still embarrassingly short of their NCAA Division I hoops brethren, who employ more than 70 black head coaches.

Forty years ago, college football had another kind of race problem, only far worse. Entering the 1970 season, top-20 powers such as Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, LSU and Ole Miss had—amazingly—yet to integrate their teams.

And even at Syracuse, a school long considered to be a pioneer in sports race relations, trouble was brewing. Orange football coach Ben Schwartzwalder—the same Ben Schwartzwalder who coached arguably the greatest black player in college football history, Jim Brown, and the first black Heisman Trophy winner, Ernie Davis—was suffering through his worst season after nine black players walked out on the team in protest of their coach's unfulfilled promise to hire a black assistant.

Black players, whose numbers had grown into the high teens at most schools outside the South, were also boycotting practices at Oregon State, Iowa and Wyoming, protesting bans on facial hair, the lack of opportunities to play certain positions (like quarterback) and the dearth of black assistant coaches.

Writer John Underwood's three-part series in *Sports Illustrated* entitled "The Desperate Coach" brought light to what was being called an assault on coaches' authority.

"In the privacy of their offices," Underwood wrote, "over breakfast in strange towns, wherever three coaches get together, they talk about The Problem."

Forty years later, we tell our kids about such things and they think we're joking.

But in 2010, out of 120 FBS schools, college football has only 13 black head coaches.

I wish I was kidding.

Scott Smith
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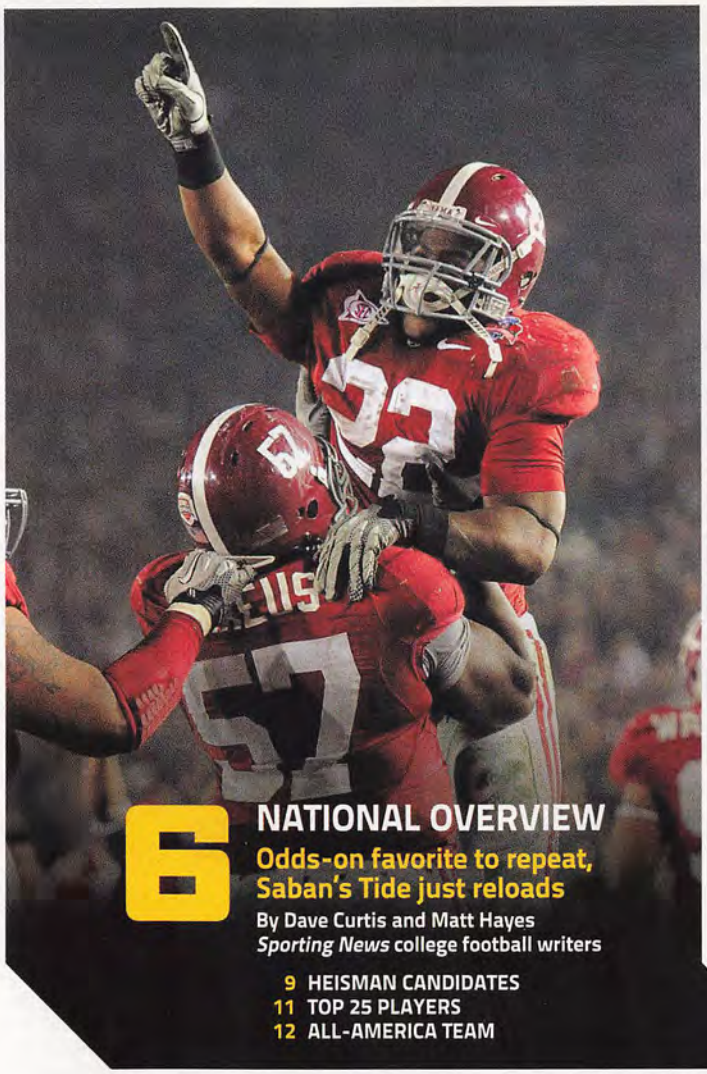

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12,950 PASSING YARDS

PASSING YARDS

Timmy Chang, Hawaii	17,072
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	15,793
Ty Detmer, BYU	15,031
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	14,193
Philip Rivers, N.C. State	13,484
Colt McCoy, Texas	13,253
Kevin Kolb, Houston	12,964
CASE KEENUM, Houston	12,950
Dan LeFevour, Central Michigan	12,905
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	12,746
Luke McCown, Louisiana Tech	12,666
Chris Redman, Louisville	12,541
Chase Daniel, Missouri	12,515
Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech	12,429
Byron Leftwich, Marshall	11,903
Chase Holbrook, New Mexico State	11,846
Brady Quinn, Notre Dame	11,762
David Greene, Georgia	11,528
Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati	11,453
Todd Santos, San Diego State	11,425
Carson Palmer, USC	11,388
Max Hall, BYU	11,365
Tim Hiller, Western Michigan	11,329
Tim Lester, Western Michigan	11,299
Derek Anderson, Oregon State	11,249
Chris Leak, Florida	11,213
Peyton Manning, Tennessee	11,201
Todd Reesing, Kansas	11,194
Curtis Painter, Purdue	11,163
Eric Zeier, Georgia	11,153
Jordan Palmer, UTEP	11,084
Charlie Frye, Akron	11,049
John Beck, BYU	11,021
Ryan Schneider, UCF	10,976
Paul Smith, Tulsa	10,924
Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh	10,913

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR
(active career leaders)

TREVOR VITTATOE, UTEP	9,683
ADAM WEBER, Minnesota	8,238
ANDY DALTON, TCU	7,457

TOUCHDOWNS

Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	78
Ricky Williams, Texas	75
Taurean Henderson, Texas Tech	69
Brock Forsey, Boise State	68
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(active career leaders)

DeMARCO MURRAY, Oklahoma	45
HARVEY UNGA, BYU	45
COLIN KAEPERNICK, Nevada	40

POINTS

Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	468
Ricky Williams, Texas	452
Art Carmody, Louisville	433

POINTS

Kevin Kelly, Penn State	425
Roman Anderson, Houston	423
Taurean Henderson, Texas Tech	414
Billy Bennett, Georgia	409
Brock Forsey, Boise State	408
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(active career leaders)

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Tim Lester, Western Michigan	87
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Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	85
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TREVOR VITTATOE, UTEP	75
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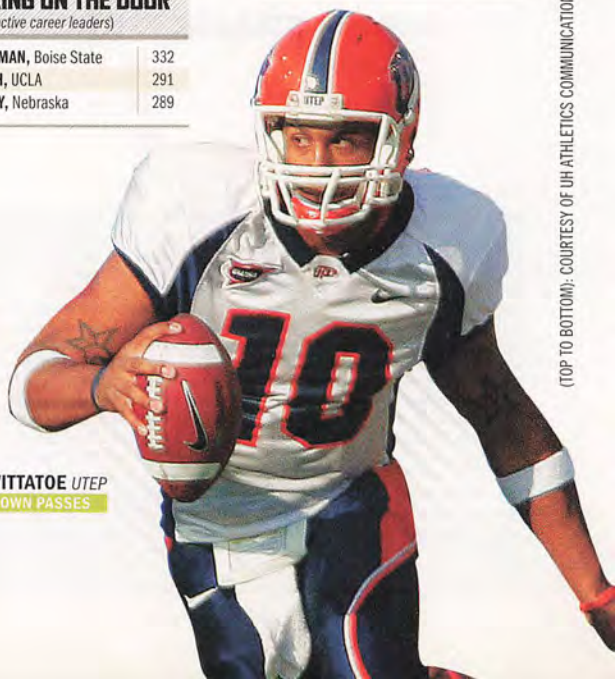

» **TREVOR VITTATOE** *UTEP*
75 TOUCHDOWN PASSES

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RUSHING YARDS

Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	6,397
Ricky Wiliams, Texas	6,279
Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh	6,082
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	6,026
Charles White, USC	5,598
Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	5,596
Cedric Benson, Texas	5,540
Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss	5,302
LaDainian Tomlinson, TCU	5,263
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Darren Lewis, Texas A&M	5,012
Darren Sproles, Kansas State	4,979
DonTrell Moore, New Mexico	4,973
Anthony Thompson, Indiana	4,965
George Rogers, South Carolina	4,958
Trevor Cobb, Rice	4,948
Michael Turner, Northern Illinois	4,941
Ray Rice, Rutgers	4,926
Paul Palmer, Temple	4,895
Steve Bartalo, Colorado State	4,813
Ken Simonton, Oregon State	4,802
Mike Rozier, Nebraska	4,780
Ed Marinaro, Cornell	4,715
Denvis Manns, New Mexico State	4,692
Marcus Allen, USC	4,682
Kevin Smith, UCF	4,679
Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	4,676

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR
(active career leaders)

HARVEY UNGA, BYU	3,455
NOEL DEVINE, West Virginia	3,381
VAI TAUA, Nevada	2,978

RECEIVING YARDS

Trevor Insley, Nevada	5,005
Marcus Harris, Wyoming	4,518
Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma State	4,414
Ryan Yarborough, Wyoming	4,357
Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech	4,352
Aaron Turner, Pacific	4,345
Terance Mathis, New Mexico	4,254
Geoff Noisy, Nevada	4,249
Jarett Dillard, Rice	4,138
Darius Watts, Marshall	4,031
Troy Walters, Stanford	3,986
Derek Hagan, Arizona State	3,939
Mike Hass, Oregon State	3,924
Jason Rivers, Hawaii	3,919
Josh Davis, Marshall	3,889
Roy Williams, Texas	3,866
Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	3,791
Chad Mackey, Louisiana Tech	3,789
Vincent Marshall, Houston	3,770
Marc Zeno, Tulane	3,725
Brandon Stokley, Louisiana-Lafayette	3,702
Ryne Robinson, Miami (Ohio)	3,697
Arnold Jackson, Louisville	3,670
Bryan Anderson, Central Michigan	3,648
David Anderson, Colorado State	3,634
Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	3,626
John Standeford, Purdue	3,618
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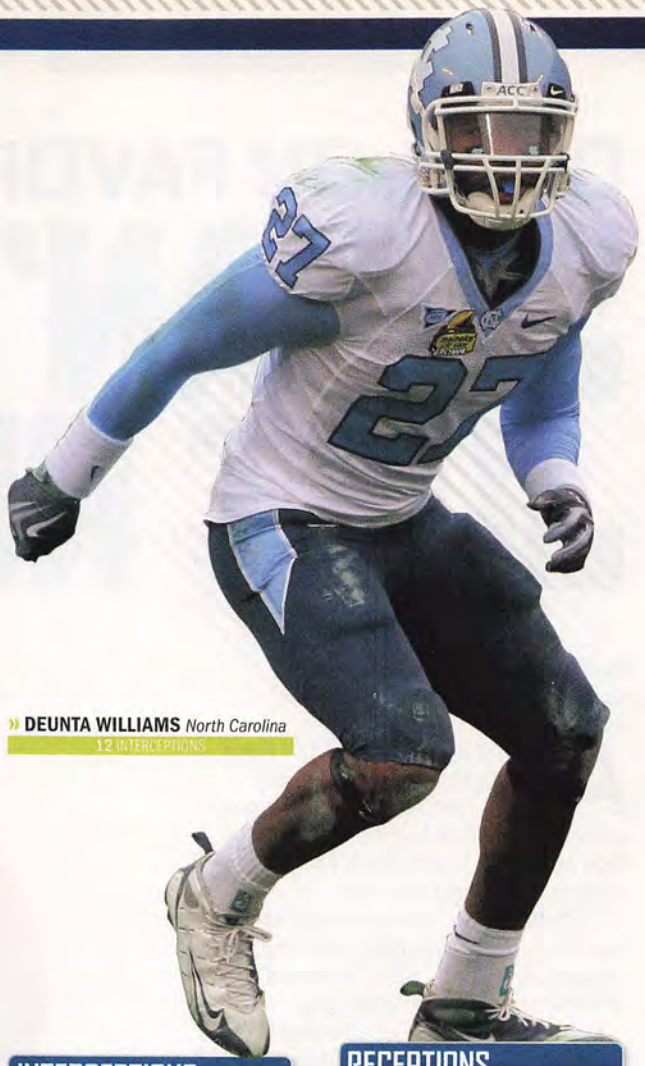
J.R. Tolver, San Diego State	3,572
James Newson, Oregon State	3,558



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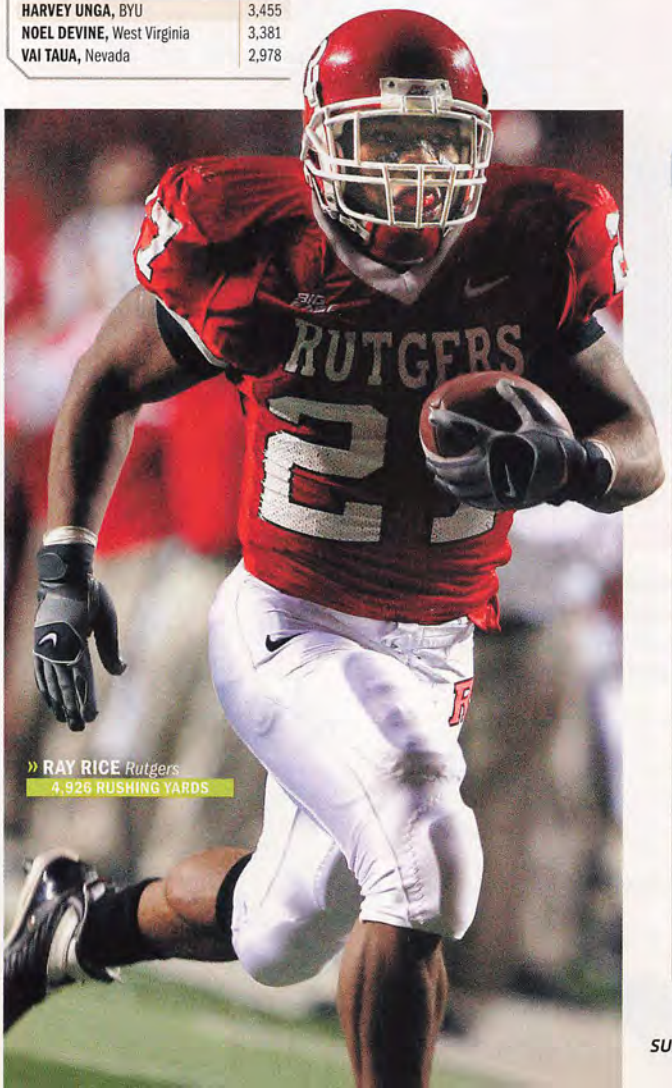
12 INTERCEPTIONS



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4,926 RUSHING YARDS

INTERCEPTIONS

Al Brosky, Illinois	29
Martin Bayless, Bowling Green	27
John Provost, Holy Cross	27
Tom Curtis, Michigan	25
Tracy Saul, Texas Tech	25
Tony Thurman, Boston College	25
Jeff Nixon, Richmond	23
Bennie Blades, Miami (Fla.)	22
Jim Bolding, East Carolina	22
Terrell Buckley, Florida State	21
Chuck Cecil, Arizona	21
Jamar Fletcher, Wisconsin	21
Barry Hill, Iowa State	21
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	21
Mike Sensibaugh, Ohio State	21
Alphonso Smith, Wake Forest	21
Dave Atkinson, BYU	20
Dre' Bly, North Carolina	20
Lynn Chandnois, Michigan State	20
Mark Collins, Cal State Fullerton	20
Charles Jefferson, McNeese State	20
Mitch Meeuwsen, Oregon State	20
Artimus Parker, USC	20
Kevin Smith, Texas A&M	20
Jackie Wallace, Arizona	20
Chris Williams, LSU	20
Bobby Wilson, Ole Miss	20
Tom Wilson, Colgate	20
Anthony Young, Temple	20

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR
(active career leaders)

BRIAN LAINHART, Kent State	17
RAHIM MOORE, UCLA	13
DEUNTA WILLIAMS, North Carolina	12

RECEPTIONS

Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue	316
Josh Davis, Marshall	306
Antonio Brown, Central Michigan	305
Taurean Henderson, Texas Tech	303
Arnold Jackson, Louisville	300
Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	298
Trevor Insley, Nevada	298
Geoff Noisy, Nevada	295
Davone Bess, Hawaii	293
Rashaun Woods, Oklahoma State	293
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	292
Jarett Dillard, Rice	292
Jason Rivers, Hawaii	292
Bryan Anderson, Central Michigan	290
Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	285
Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	283
Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech	280
Vincent Marshall, Houston	272
Darius Watts, Marshall	272
A.J. Harris, New Mexico State	269
Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	268
Aaron Turner, Pacific	266
Chad Mackey, Louisiana Tech	264
Terance Mathis, New Mexico	263
Mark Templeton, Long Beach State	262
J.R. Tolver, San Diego State	262
Howard Twilley, Tulsa	261
Jamarko Simmons, W. Michigan	260
Marcus Harris, Wyoming	259
Michael Thomas, Arizona	259
Wes Welker, Texas Tech	259
Derek Hagan, Arizona State	258
Ryne Robinson, Miami (Ohio)	258
Braylon Edwards, Michigan	252
Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	250
John Standeford, Purdue	249

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ODDS-ON FAVORITE TO REPEAT

SABAN'S TIDE JUST RELOADS

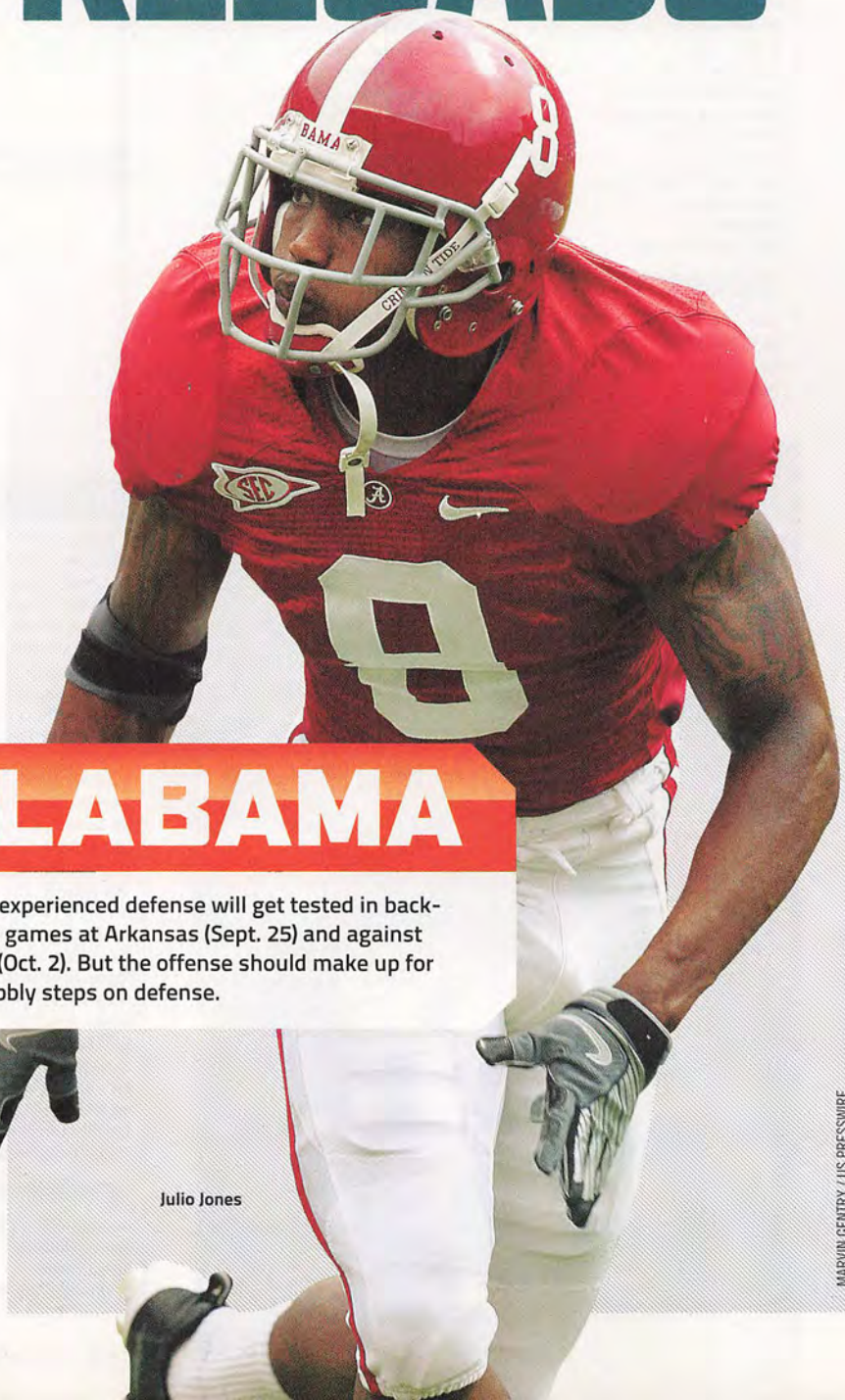
By Dave Curtis and Matt Hayes
Sporting News college football writers

Alabama danced out of the Rose Bowl Stadium in January as college football's national champion. And as 2010 begins, the Crimson Tide appear in great shape to finish the season with another crown.

With Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram, quarterback Greg McElroy and receiver Julio Jones back, Alabama's offense should be outstanding.

On defense, a slew of talented Nick Saban recruits replace the nine departed starters, mostly to the NFL.

Here's a look at how the nation's best stack up leading into the fall:



Julio Jones

MARVIN GENTRY / US PRESSWIRE

#1 ALABAMA

An inexperienced defense will get tested in back-to-back games at Arkansas (Sept. 25) and against Florida (Oct. 2). But the offense should make up for any wobbly steps on defense.

Cameron Heyward

#2 OHIO STATE

Quarterback Terrelle Pryor, if healthy and an improved passer, has the supporting cast to orchestrate an undefeated season.

Austin Pettis

#3 BOISE STATE

With 21 starters back, the Broncos will start high enough in the polls for a shot at the national title game.

CLOCKWISE: MATTHEW EMMONS, VLADIMIR CHERRY / US PRESSWIRE; COURTESY BOISE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

4 MIAMI (FLA.)

A veteran 'Canes defense should be the program's most dangerous since the 2000-02 teams, which won 32 straight games.

5 FLORIDA

The Gators will feature new starters all over the field, highlighted by quarterback John Brantley, who replaces Tim Tebow.

TCU defense

6 TCU

Expect another ferocious defense, especially against the run, to help the Horned Frogs rule the Mountain West.

7 NEBRASKA

Defensive tackle Jared Crick, now the star with Ndamukong Suh gone, can lead the Huskers to their first Big 12 crown since 1999.

8 WISCONSIN

The Badgers need to find replacements for top pass rusher O'Brien Schofield and safety Chris Maragos if they want to challenge the Buckeyes.

9 TEXAS

The Garrett Gilbert era, which began one game too soon, continues with his first full season at quarterback.

10 OKLAHOMA

It's time for star receiver Ryan Broyles to leap from the all-conference squad to the All-America team.

11 OREGON

Quarterback Jeremiah Masoli's suspension bumped the Ducks from the preseason Top 10. But strong play from Nate Costa, his replacement, can get them back in.

Ryan Williams

#12 VIRGINIA TECH

The running back tandem of Ryan Williams and Darren Evans looks like the nation's best.

13 IOWA

Study up on defensive end Adrian Clayborn, as no defensive lineman in America will help his team more in 2010.

14 FLORIDA STATE

A team unified under coach Jimbo Fisher, and a healthy quarterback in Christian Ponder, should win its first ACC Atlantic crown since 2005.

15 OREGON STATE

Running back Jacquizz and receiver James make the Rodgers boys the best brother duo in college football this year.

16 USC

Look for Lane Kiffin to keep the Trojans among the nation's elite, and for standout linebacker Devon Kennard to shine in Monte Kiffin's scheme.

17 AUBURN

Junior college transfer quarterback Cameron Newton ranks as the SEC's biggest wild card entering 2010.

18 GEORGIA TECH

The option offense will continue to thrive. But Tech's defense will struggle with early departures by Derrick Morgan and Morgan Burnett.

19 PITTSBURGH

Running back Dion Lewis has the talent—and will get the opportunities—to follow Alabama's Ingram as a Heisman Trophy winner.

20 LSU

Here's the strength of the SEC West: The Tigers should finish third in the division, yet still rank in the top 20.

21 ARKANSAS

With quarterback Ryan Mallett in charge and Bobby Petrino calling plays, the Hogs should feature the SEC's best passing offense.

22 UTAH

Quarterback Jordan Wynn, and four returning offensive linemen, will need to carry the Utes as their defense retools.

23 NORTH CAROLINA

If senior quarterback T.J. Yates makes better decisions, the Tar Heels can win an ACC championship.

24 WEST VIRGINIA

Running back Noel Devine will continue to emerge as one of the nation's top playmakers.

25 WASHINGTON

Quarterback Jake Locker will cap his career with the Huskies' first postseason trip since 2002.

Jordan Wynn

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HEISMAN CANDIDATES

OTHER HOPEFULS

JARED CRICK
DT, NEBRASKA
The most disruptive defender in the college game. Think Ndamukong Suh. He's that good.

JACQUIZZ RODGERS
RB, OREGON STATE
Already has buzz from the previous two seasons; he needs to stay healthy and finally lead the Beavers to the Rose Bowl.

PATRICK PETERSON
CB, LSU
The dynamic shutdown corner needs a few interception returns for touchdowns to get in the race.

CASE KEENUM
QB, HOUSTON
He will hold numerous NCAA records by the end of the season.

ADRIAN CLAYBORN
DE, IOWA
This elite end will see more double teams than ever before in the fall.

MARK INGRAM RB, ALABAMA

The blunt truth: He's not the best tailback on his own team (Trent Richardson is), but he fits perfectly with what the Tide want to do offensively and always plays big in important games. He's the leader from Day 1, but doesn't have the caché of previous winners to stay on top without another big season.

KELLEN MOORE QB, BOISE STATE

A season of potential firsts: the first non-BCS team to play in the BCS national championship game, and the first player from a non-BCS team to win the Heisman Trophy in the BCS era (1998-present). An efficient big-game passer, Moore has lost once in 26 career starts (64 TD, 10 INTs) and could be the NCAA's all-time leader in that category by the end of his career.

TERRELLE PRYOR QB, OHIO STATE

He won't wow you with numbers, but the Buckeyes could be unbeaten in November and his dual-threat ability will be the reason. Vince Young used a monster game in the 2005 Rose Bowl as a springboard to a breakout season. Pryor could do the same thing—and get the Buckeyes back to the BCS National Championship game.

DION LEWIS RB, PITTSBURGH

The game's most complete runner, he has power and speed and shifty cutback ability. As the spread offense continues to take over, his throwback, 30-carries-a-game style is refreshing. Pitt has enough balance in the passing game that Lewis could reach 2,000 yards rushing.

RYAN MALLETT QB, ARKANSAS

Could be the first pick of the 2011 NFL draft and with improved accuracy—and an upset of Alabama in Fayetteville—could have a huge season. Bobby Petrino's quarterbacks have always had big second seasons, and Mallett is the most talented thrower Petrino has coached.

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5 NON-BCS COACHES READY TO MOVE

Al Golden

Kyle Whittingham
> Utah

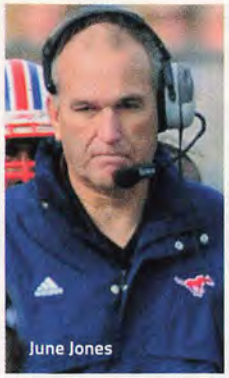
Much like Chris Petersen (Boise State) and Bronco Mendenhall (BYU), it won't be easy getting Whittingham to leave Utah. But you better believe it will be just as hard for Whittingham to turn down major BCS jobs that could open in December.

Kevin Sumlin
> Houston

He would've had the Florida job last December had Urban Meyer left for good; he's that well thought of in the coaching community. Sumlin won't take just any job, but there are a handful of big BCS slots that could come open this year (see: Arizona State) that he'd jump at.

June Jones
> SMU

His offense is nearly impossible to defend, and he doesn't cut corners. A few outside the program weren't happy with the way Jones weeded out malcontents prior to last season, but now everyone is on board after the Mustangs' turnaround from 1-11 to 8-5 and the first bowl appearance in 25 years.


June Jones

Al Golden
> Temple

When Golden arrived, the program was a dump (coming off a winless season) with little or no support from the administration and on the verge of dropping down to the FCS. The wins have increased in his four seasons in Philadelphia: one, four, five and finally nine last season when the Owls were MAC East co-champions.

Ken Niumatalolo
> Navy

A plea to athletic directors across the nation: Do some research on Niumatalolo. Like what you see at Georgia Tech? Niumatalolo will run the same system as Yellow Jackets coach Paul Johnson with the same no-excuses philosophy—and get the same results. His Navy teams are 5-6 against BCS schools, including wins over Notre Dame and Missouri, and a near win at Ohio State.

TOP FIVE ASSISTANT COACHES

Kirby Smart
defensive coordinator, Alabama

It's only a matter of time before another Nick Saban assistant (Jimbo Fisher, Will Muschamp, Derek Dooley) makes it big. Smart has the ability to stay and wait for the perfect job.

Bryan Harsin
offensive coordinator, Boise State

Like Chris Petersen before him, he'd get the Boise State job if Petersen did the unthinkable and left. More than likely, though, he'll get his choice of non-BCS jobs—and may just land a BCS gig in the right situation.

Tyrone Nix
defensive coordinator, Ole Miss

One of the game's best coordinators for years, he turned down other coordinator offers this offseason to stay in Oxford. It's only a matter of time before the top minority candidate available gets a big job.

Kirby Smart

Everett Withers
defensive coordinator, North Carolina

Withers has a ton of experience at both the NFL and college levels, working under some of the game's best coaches (Jeff Fisher in the NFL; Mack Brown and Butch Davis in college). North Carolina's defense could be the nation's best this fall, and that could lead to a head-coaching job.

James Cregg
offensive line coach, USC

He's not leaving USC anytime soon, but his impact will be felt immediately. His work last year with an inexperienced and marginally talented Tennessee offensive line was remarkable. Watch what happens with all those elite recruits at USC.

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Jared Crick

TOP 25 PLAYERS

1 JARED CRICK
DT, Nebraska

2 PATRICK PETERSON
CB, LSU

3 MARK INGRAM
RB, Alabama

4 RYAN MALLETT
QB, Arkansas

5 KELLEN MOORE
QB, Boise State

6 DION LEWIS
RB, Pittsburgh

7 TERRELLE PRYOR
QB, Ohio State

8 ADRIAN CLAYBORN
DE, Iowa

9 CASE KEENUM
QB, Houston

10 JAKE LOCKER
QB, Washington

11 VONTAZE BURFICT
LB, Arizona State

12 A.J. GREEN
WR, Georgia

13 LAMICHAEL JAMES
K, Oregon

14 GREG JONES
LB, Michigan State

15 JACQUIZZ RODGERS
RB, Oregon State

16 ROBERT GRIFFIN
QB, Baylor

17 ROBERT QUINN
DE, North Carolina

18 RYAN BROYLES
WR, Oklahoma

19 VON MILLER
LB, Texas A&M

20 GREG ROMEUS
DE, Pittsburgh

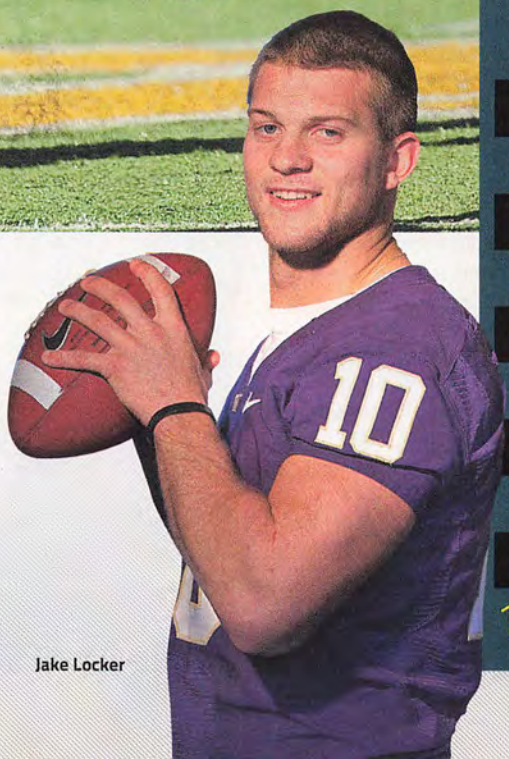
21 MICHAEL FLOYD
WR, Notre Dame

22 MARCELL DAREUS
DL, Alabama

23 RYAN WILLIAMS
RB, Virginia Tech

24 MIKE POUNCEY
OL, Florida

25 BRANDON HARRIS
CB, Miami



Jake Locker

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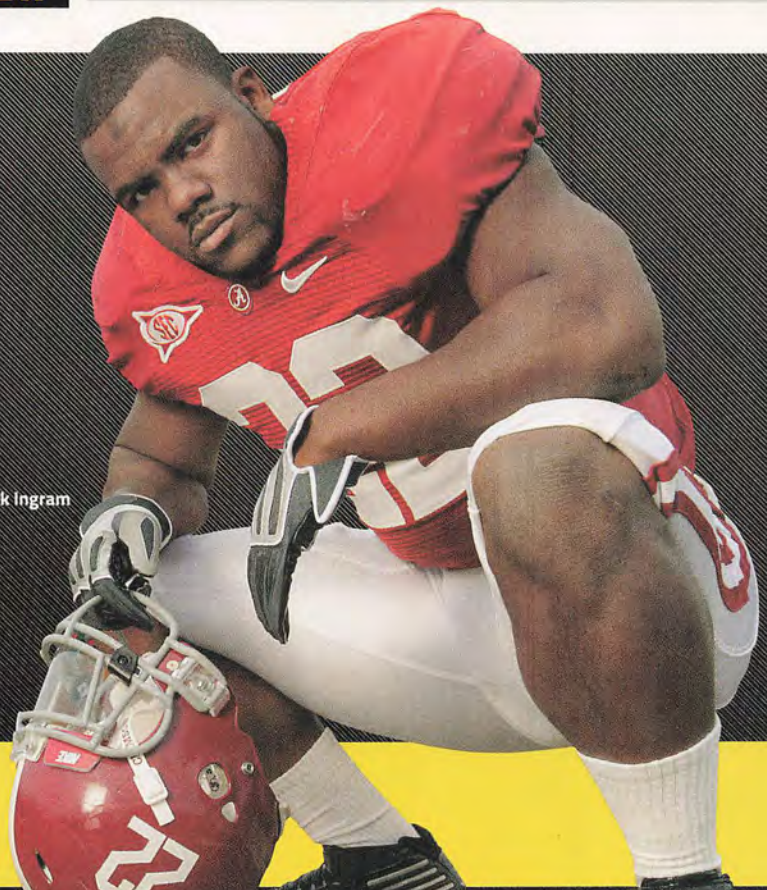
Greg Jones



Mark Ingram

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2010 PRESEASON

ALL-AMERICA TEAM

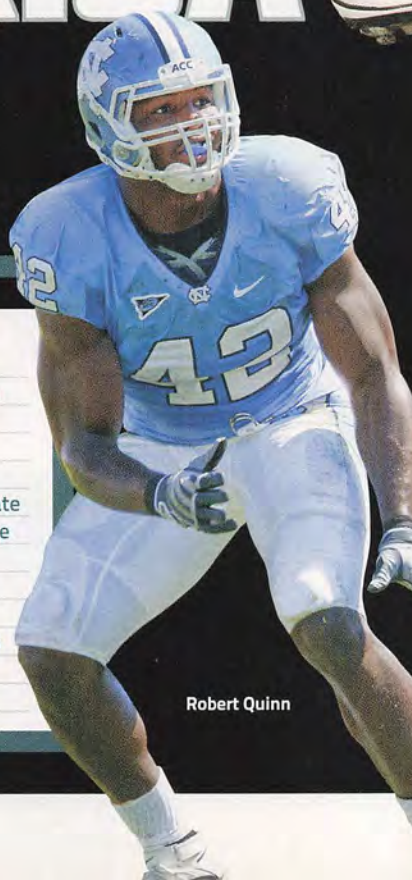
FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	**Ryan Mallett,** Jr., Arkansas
RB	**Mark Ingram,** Jr., Alabama
RB	**Dion Lewis,** So., Pittsburgh
OL	**Mike Pouncey,** Sr., Florida
OL	**Jason Pinkston,** Sr., Pittsburgh
OL	**Rodney Hudson,** Sr., Florida State
OL	**Stefen Wisniewski,** Sr., Penn State
OL	**Jake Kirkpatrick,** Sr., TCU
TE	**Kyle Rudolph,** Jr., Notre Dame
WR	**Ryan Broyles,** Jr., Oklahoma
WR	**A.J. Green,** Jr., Georgia
K	**Kai Forbath,** Sr., UCLA
KR	**D.J. Monroe,** So., Texas

DEFENSE

DL	**Jared Crick,** Jr., Nebraska
DL	**Robert Quinn,** Jr., North Carolina
DL	**Von Miller,** Sr., Texas A&M
DL	**Adrian Clayborn,** Sr., Iowa
LB	**Greg Jones,** Sr., Michigan State
LB	**Vontaze Burfict,** So., Arizona State
LB	**Luke Kuechly,** So., Boston College
CB	**Patrick Peterson,** Jr., LSU
CB	**Brandon Harris,** Jr., Miami
S	**Rahim Moore,** Jr., UCLA
S	**DeAndre McDaniel,** Sr., Clemson
P	**Drew Butler,** Jr., Georgia
PR	**Greg Reid,** So., Florida State



Robert Quinn

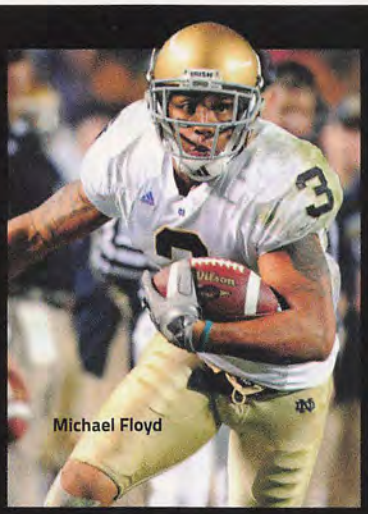
SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	**Kellen Moore,** Jr., Boise State
RB	**LaMichael James,** So., Oregon
RB	**Jacquizz Rodgers,** Jr, Oregon State
OL	**Matt Reynolds,** Jr., BYU
OL	**Chase Beeler,** Sr., Stanford
OL	**Kyle Hix,** Sr., Texas
OL	**Dan Hoch,** Jr., Missouri
OL	**Butch Lewis,** Sr., USC
TE	**Ben Guidugli,** Sr., Cincinnati
WR	**Julio Jones,** Jr., Alabama
WR	**Michael Floyd,** Jr., Notre Dame
K	**Grant Ressel,** Jr., Missouri
KR	**Chris Owusu,** Jr., Stanford

DEFENSE

DL	**Marcell Dareus,** Jr., Alabama
DL	**Sam Acho,** Sr., Texas
DL	**Greg Romeus,** Sr., Pittsburgh
DL	**Ryan Kerrigan,** Sr., Purdue
LB	**Akeem Ayers,** Jr., UCLA
LB	**Travis Lewis,** Jr., Oklahoma
LB	**Dont'a Hightower,** Jr., Alabama
CB	**Kendric Burney,** Sr., North Carolina
CB	**Prince Amukamara,** Sr., Nebraska
S	**Mark Barron,** Jr., Alabama
S	**Tyler Sash,** Jr., Iowa
P	**Tress Way,** So., Oklahoma
PR	**Jeremy Kerley,** Sr., TCU


Michael Floyd

Kyle Hix

Jacquizz Rodgers

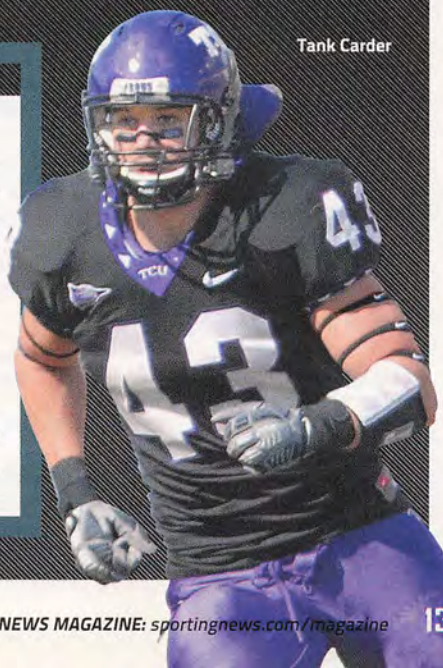
THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	**Case Keenum,** Sr., Houston
RB	**Ryan Williams,** So., Virginia Tech
RB	**John Clay,** Sr., Wisconsin
OL	**Caleb Schlauderaff,** Sr., Utah
OL	**Anthony Castonzo,** Sr., Boston College
OL	**Barrett Jones,** So., Alabama
OL	**Zach Hurd,** Sr., Connecticut
OL	**Clint Boling,** Sr., Georgia
TE	**D.J. Williams,** Sr., Arkansas
WR	**James Cleveland,** Sr., Houston
WR	**Jonathan Baldwin,** Jr., Pittsburgh
K	**Alex Henery,** Sr., Nebraska
KR	**Tyron Carrier,** Jr., Houston

DEFENSE

DL	**Allen Bailey,** Sr., Miami
DL	**Jurrell Casey,** Jr., USC
DL	**Cameron Heyward,** Sr., Ohio State
DL	**Jeremy Beal,** Sr., Oklahoma
LB	**Tank Carder,** Jr., TCU
LB	**Lawrence Wilson,** Sr., Connecticut
LB	**Kelvin Sheppard,** Sr., LSU
CB	**Trevin Wade,** Jr., Arizona
CB	**Curtis Brown,** Sr., Texas
S	**Jeron Johnson,** Sr., Boise State
S	**Deunta Williams,** Sr., North Carolina
P	**Derek Epperson,** Sr., Baylor
PR	**LaVon Brazill,** Sr., Ohio


Tank Carder

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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

ACC

STOCK REPORT ▲ UP ▼ DOWN ◆ STEADY

ATLANTIC

1 ▲ Florida State
2 ▲ Boston College
3 ▲ N.C. State
4 ▼ Clemson
5 ◆ Wake Forest
6 ▼ Maryland

COASTAL

1 ▲ Miami
2 ◆ Virginia Tech
3 ◆ Georgia Tech
4 ▲ North Carolina
5 ◆ Virginia
6 ▲ Duke

RATING THE ACC

Fastest Receiver
Torrey Smith, Maryland

Best Hands
Donovan Varner, WR, Duke

Best Passing QB
Russell Wilson, N.C. State

Best Running QB
Josh Nesbitt, Georgia Tech

Most Elusive RB
Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech

Best Instincts
Luke Kuechly, LB, Boston College

Best Athlete
Bruce Carter, LB, North Carolina

Best Under Pressure
Josh Nesbitt, QB, Georgia Tech

Top NFL Prospect
Marvin Austin, DT, North Carolina

Top Impact Freshman
Christian Green, WR, Florida State

Hardest Hitter
Alex Wujciak, LB, Maryland

Biggest Underachiever
T.J. Yates, QB, North Carolina

Best Interview
Marvin Austin, DT, North Carolina

Best Coach
Jim Grobe, Wake Forest

Best Recruiter
Randy Shannon, Miami

Worst Road Trip
Florida State

Get 'er done: Window to produce success is getting smaller each season for conference's coaches

By Dan Collins, *Winston-Salem Journal* (ACC Atlantic previews)
and Ken Tysiac, *Charlotte Observer* (ACC Coastal previews)

Moving companies have made a killing from ACC schools in recent seasons. Nine of the 12 conference head-coaching jobs have changed hands since Wake Forest won the conference title in 2006.

Jim Grobe, who eschewed the turnover during the Deacons' improbable run, has seen a lot of it in the coaching ranks since.

When the smoke finally cleared from Bobby Bowden's retirement after 34 years as head coach at Florida State, Grobe and Ralph Friedgen were, technically speaking, co-deans of ACC coaches. Both arrived on the scene in 2001.

Frank Beamer has been the head coach at Virginia Tech since 1987, but the Hokies didn't join the league until 2004.

Maybe it's a consequence of times made ever louder and shriller by Internet and talk-radio clamor and debate. Maybe it's a notion by conference athletic directors and their fan bases that if Wake Forest can win the conference, then so can they.

But for whatever reason, a trend that began with the hiring of Butch Davis at North Carolina, Tom O'Brien at N.C. State and Randy Shannon at Miami in 2007 has continued unabated. Duke's David Cutcliffe and Georgia Tech's Paul Johnson were hired in 2008. Clemson's Dabo Swinney and Boston College's Frank Spaziani began their first full seasons in 2009.

And Florida State's Jimbo Fisher and Virginia's Mike London are the newbies for 2010.

Two of the three coaches who joined the league in 2007, Davis and O'Brien, didn't make the kind of strides in their third seasons that many thought they would. And though Shannon won nine games last year, there are many holdovers from the glory days who believe it's long past time the Hurricanes at least play for a conference title.

All will get another chance to please in 2010. Based on trends, they'd better get it done.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Mike Farrell, *Rivals.com*

1. FLORIDA STATE The Seminoles signed three top 50 defenders in LBs Christian Jones and Jeff Luc and cornerback LaMarcus Joyner.
2. MIAMI Leading the way for Miami is five-star athlete Latwan Anderson and standout RBs Eduardo Clements and Storm Johnson.
3. CLEMSON The Tigers filled a critical need in the trenches with Josh Watson and Tavaris Barnes.
4. VIRGINIA TECH Virginia Tech solidified both lines with Nick Acree, Mark Shuman, Zack McCray and the nation's No. 2 prep school prospect, offensive tackle Laurence Gibson.
5. NORTH CAROLINA The Heels succeeded defensively with Kareem Martin, Ethan Farmer, Tim Jackson and Brandon Willis.
6. N.C. STATE The Wolfpack are bringing in two key additions in five-star tackle Robert Crisp and four-star lineman Tyson Chandler.
7. MARYLAND The Terps got some of the best homegrown talent with the additions of Nathaniel Clarke and Javarie Johnson.
8. GEORGIA TECH The defensive backfield received a big boost, adding Louis Young, Ryan Ayers and Barry Bostic.
9. BOSTON COLLEGE Quarterback was a need area, and BC pulled in two good ones with Chase Rettig and Joshua Bordner.
10. VIRGINIA Virginia's class is led by offensive tackle Morgan Moses.
11. WAKE FOREST Wake found success at home with three in-state commitments.
12. DUKE Duke pulled in four of the state's top 30 prospects in the 2010 class.

ASCENDING

FLORIDA STATE ▸ Now that the soap opera surrounding Bobby Bowden's retirement is over, Jimbo Fisher can begin moving a united program in a new direction.

DESCENDING

CLEMSON ▸ With C.J. Spiller and Jacoby Ford gone, the Tigers are dangerously short on athletes who can make big plays on offense.

ALL-ACC

OFFENSE

QB Christian Ponder, Jr., Florida State
RB Montel Harris, Jr., Boston College
RB Ryan Williams, So., Virginia Tech
OL Anthony Castonzo, Sr., Boston College
OL Orlando Franklin, Sr., Miami
OL Sean Bedford, Jr., Georgia Tech
OL Rodney Hudson, Jr., Florida State
OL Chris Hairston, Sr., Clemson
TE George Bryan, Jr., N.C. State
WR Torrey Smith, Jr., Maryland
WR Bert Reed, So., Florida State

DEFENSE

DL Robert Quinn, So., North Carolina
DL Marvin Austin, Jr., North Carolina
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DL Allen Bailey, Sr., Miami
LB Luke Kuechly, So., Boston College
LB Alex Wujciak, Jr., Maryland
LB Mark Herzlich, Sr., Boston College
DB Kendric Burney, Jr., North Carolina
DB Brandon Harris, Jr., Miami
DB Deunta Williams, Jr., North Carolina
DB DeAndre McDaniel, Sr., Clemson

SPECIALISTS

K Matt Bosher, Sr., Maryland
P Matt Bosher, Sr., Miami

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1 Ralph Friedgen will coach his last season at Maryland. After a fantastic start, the Terps have steadily declined under the Maryland alum.

2 Christian Ponder will be the ACC's MVP. The brainy Florida State QB, who's back from shoulder surgery, will torch opponents in the weak Atlantic Division.

3 Scoring will increase. With Ponder, Russell Wilson (N.C. State), Josh Nesbitt (Georgia Tech), Tyrod Taylor (Virginia Tech) and Jacory Harris (Miami) all back at QB, offenses will be ahead of defenses.

4 NFL scouts will flock to Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels have five first-round candidates in Marvin Austin, Bruce Carter, Robert Quinn, Deunta Williams and Quan Sturdivant.

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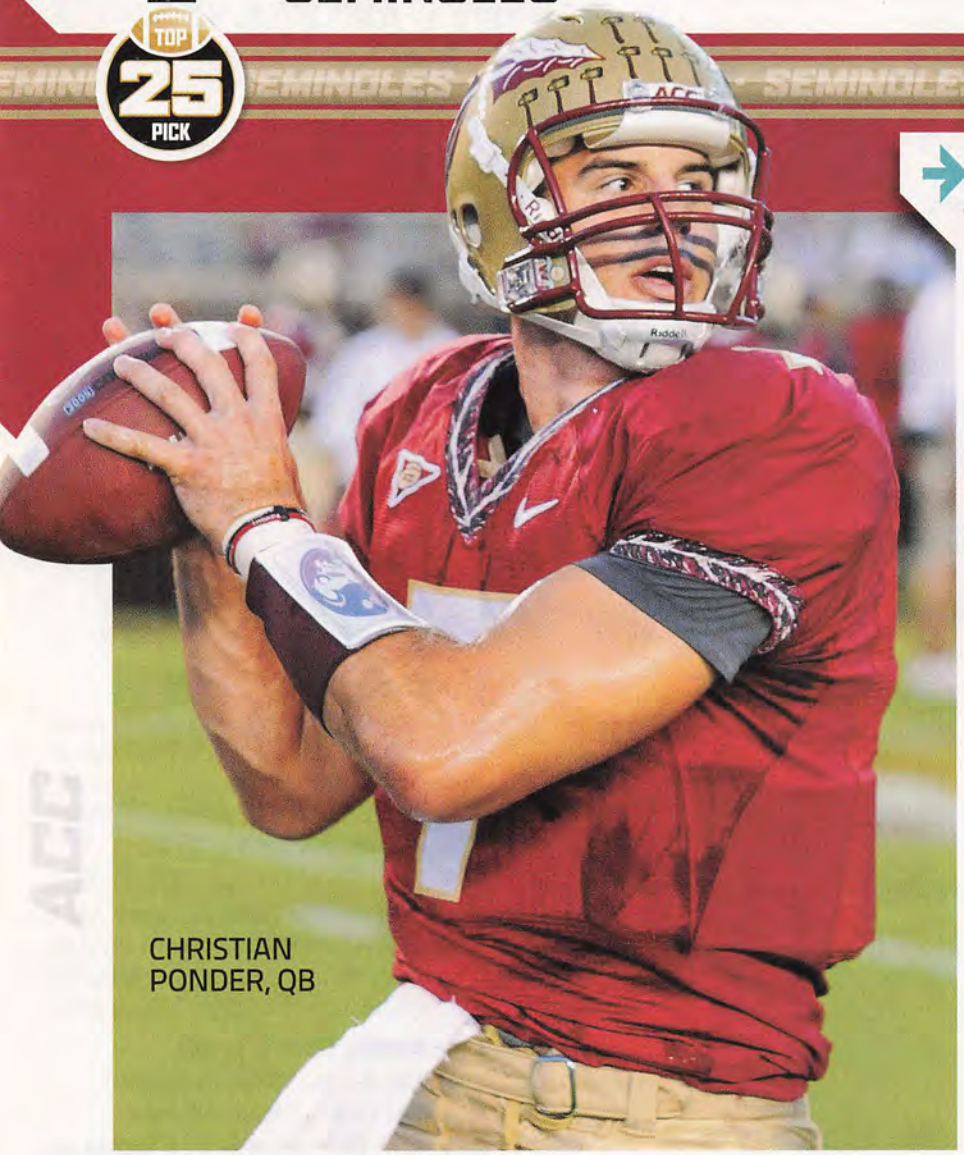
TOP 25 PICK



CHRISTIAN PONDER, QB

BULLET POINTS

- Jimbo Fisher replaces the coach, Bobby Bowden, who personified FSU football while winning two national titles.
- Mark Stoops will take over the defense from Mickey Andrews, who produced 19 first-round NFL draft picks in 26 years.
- Christian Ponder's return solidifies what has been a problem position.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Samford	
S.11	@OKLAHOMA	
S.18	BYU	54-28
GAME TO WATCH		
S.25	**Wake Forest**	**41-28**

The Deacons proved to be Bobby Bowden's bugaboo late in his career, winning two of their last three against him. New coach Jimbo Fisher can make his life easier around town by winning this ACC opener.

O.2	@VIRGINIA	
O.9	@MIAMI (Fla.)	34-38
O.16	Boston College	21-28
O.28	@N.C. STATE	45-42
N.6	North Carolina	30-27
N.13	Clemson	24-40
N.20	@MARYLAND	29-26
N.27	Florida	10-37

BOWL PROJECTION

CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING

GREG REID, CB/PR

A nickel back in 2009, Reid will expand his duties with the loss of three defensive backs. He was also one of the nation's most dangerous return specialists last fall, averaging 18.4 yards per punt return.

Florida State was an independent school playing in a 40,500-seat stadium and coming off a 3-8 season the last time it broke in a new coach.

Seminoles first-year coach Jimbo Fisher is being asked to return the fortunes of FSU to its glory. The man he replaced, Bobby Bowden, built it in the first place.

It's hard to imagine an FSU season without Bowden roaming the sidelines as he has every year since 1976, winning two national championships, 12 ACC titles and 304 games in the process. He once had 316 victories before the NCAA removed 12 of them in punishment for a cheating scandal that involved 61 athletes in 10 sports at FSU and made Bowden's final days as coach more harried than they would have been otherwise.

But time, as well as the rest of the ACC, finally caught up to Bowden, and after the Seminoles started 2-3 last season, the chairman of the FSU Board of Trustees publicly called for Bowden to make 2009 his last campaign. Bowden lobbied for one more year, but the forces that arrayed against him became too powerful.

Fisher, a former offensive coordinator at LSU who has been the coach-in-waiting at Florida State since 2007, has big shoes to fill.

How smooth the transition goes will come down to quarterback Christian Ponder's surgically repaired right shoulder. Inconsistent play under center has been one of the biggest reasons the Seminoles haven't won an ACC title since 2005, and Ponder was showing signs of becoming a player with the stature and ability of a Chris Weinke or Thad Busby before he blew out his shoulder in the ninth game at Clemson.

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Ponder, whose passing efficiency (147.7) would have ranked fourth in the ACC if he had played in the required number of games, was back at quarterback on the first day of spring practice and is expected to be full speed by the Sept. 4 opener.

He'll direct an offense loaded with talent and experience. It includes 10 starters from a unit that scored 30.1 points a game last season, sixth best in the ACC.

The offensive line remains intact with the return of tackles Andrew Datko and Zebrie Sanders, guards Rodney Hudson and David Spurlock and center Ryan McMahon. Hudson won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy last season as the best offensive lineman in the conference, while Datko received honorable mention All-ACC honors.

Jermaine Thomas was good as a freshman, when he ranked seventh in the ACC with 64 yards rushing per game and scored nine touchdowns.

Rod Owens, the only offensive starter not coming back, led FSU last season with 61 catches, but Bert Reed hauled in 60, Jarmon Fortson snagged 45 and Taiwan Easterling caught 35.

There's more work to be done on defense, and for the first time in 26 seasons it won't be Mickey Andrews doing the brunt of it. Andrews, who coached 18 first-round NFL draft picks, retired as defensive coordinator after the season, choosing to go out with Bowden.

Among the five new assistants on Fisher's staff are defensive coordinator Mark Stoops, linebackers coach Greg Hudson and defensive ends coach D.J. Eliot. They'll have six starters returning in tackles Moses McCray and Everett Dawkins, end Markus White, linebackers Kendall Smith and Nigel Bradham and cornerback Ochuko Jenije.

Bradham led the Seminoles last year with 93 tackles, and Smith ranked second with 85. White had 10.5 tackles for loss and two sacks, while Jenije tied the team high with four interceptions.

The toughest task might be rebuilding the secondary around Jenije. Greg Reid, who was impressive last season at cornerback and as punt return man, started in the Seminoles' nickel defense last fall and will likely line up at corner opposite Jenije.

The safety positions are wide open, with Terrance Parks, Nick Moody, Justin Bright, Gerald Demps and Jajuan Harley all challenging for the roles.

RECRUITING REPORT

The shift from coach Bobby Bowden to Jimbo Fisher was a smooth one leading up to national signing day, as the Seminoles once again put together the top recruiting class in the ACC.

The 'Noles made a concerted effort in the Sunshine State, landing half of their recruits from Florida. They also went to Connecticut, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and New Jersey to put this class together.

Five-star prospect **Lamarcus Joyner** leads the way. Joyner is an undersized cornerback who plays bigger than his size, has long arms and is incredibly explosive. He will move from safety to cornerback at FSU, but there's little doubt he'll make a big impact over time.

Another five-star prospect, linebacker **Christian Jones,** is massive (6-4, 220 pounds) and could end up playing with his hand down. He'll be joined at linebacker by **Jeff Luc,** who enrolled in time for spring practice.

It wasn't just the defense that received a boost in Tallahassee. The Seminoles landed two top wideouts in **De'Joshua Johnson** and **Kenny Shaw,** as well as versatile athletes **Christian Green** and **Greg Dent**. All four will provide plenty of speed.

—Mike Farrell, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 ACC: 4-4
(beat West Virginia in the Gator Bowl, 33-21)

Coach: Jimbo Fisher, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: James Coley (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Mark Stoops (1st year)

Stadium: Doak S. Campbell Stadium (82,300)
Tickets: 850-644-1830
Site: Tallahassee
Official athletic Web site: www.seminoles.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Christian Ponder

GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
9	147.71	330-227-7	68.8	2717	14	301.9

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jermaine Thomas	13	163	832	5.1	9	64.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Bert Reed	13	60	710	11.8	0	54.6

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Nigel Bradham	13	61	32	93

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Mister Alexander	13	5	37

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Ochuko Jenije	4	54	13.5	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Christian Ponder (6-3, 227, Sr.)
	16	Will Secord (6-2, 214, Fr.)
FB	21	Debrale Smiley (5-11, 237, So.)
	24	Lonnie Pryor (6-0, 209, So.)
RB	38	Jermaine Thomas (6-1, 190, So.)
	33	Ty Jones (5-10, 211, Jr.)
LOT	67	Andrew Datko (6-6, 303, Jr.)
	73	Rhonne Sanderson (6-3, 281, So.)
LOG	62	Rodney Hudson (6-2, 282, Sr.)
	52	Bryan Stork (6-4, 284, Fr.)
C	60	Ryan McMahon (6-1, 284, Sr.)
	66	Jacob Stanley (6-3, 274, Jr.)
ROG	79	David Spurlock (6-4, 286, Jr.)
	63	A.J. Ganguzza (6-2, 265, Jr.)
ROT	77	Zebric Sanders (6-5, 288, So.)
	59	Henry Orelus (6-2, 294, Fr.)
TE	88	Beau Reliford (6-6, 253, Jr.)
	85	Ja'Baris Little (6-3, 238, Jr.)
WR	80	Jarmon Fortson (6-3, 221, Jr.)
	82	Willie Haulstead (6-3, 215, So.)
WR	84	Rodney Smith (6-6, 220, So.)
	83	Bert Reed (5-10, 167, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	98	Markus White (6-4, 262, Sr.)
	96	Toshmon Stevens (6-5, 225, So.)
LDT	93	Everett Dawkins (6-2, 269, So.)
	97	Demonte McAllister (6-2, 258, Fr.)
RDT	92	Anthony McCloud (6-2, 303, So.)
	99	Jacobbi McDaniel (6-0, 287, So.)
RDE	58	Dan Hicks (6-4, 246, Fr.)
	49	Brandon Jenkins (6-3, 234, So.)
SLB	16	Mister Alexander (6-3, 227, Sr.)
	12	Nigel Carr (6-2, 231, Jr.)
MLB	29	Kendall Smith (6-0, 235, Sr.)
	48	Jeff Luc (6-0, 249, Fr.)
WLB	13	Nigel Bradham (6-2, 241, Jr.)
	11	Vince Williams (6-0, 252, So.)
LCB	5	Greg Reid (5-8, 174, So.)
	28	Dionte Allen (5-11, 183, Jr.)
RCB	15	Ochuko Jenije (5-11, 195, Sr.)
	27	Xavier Rhodes (6-1, 209, Fr.)
FS	6	Gerald Demps (5-10, 206, Fr.)
	4	Terrance Parks (6-2, 212, So.)
SS	10	Nick Moody (6-2, 226, So.)
	3	Justin Bright (6-0, 185, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	18	Dustin Hopkins (6-2, 185, So.)
P	45	Shawn Powell (6-4, 227, Jr.)

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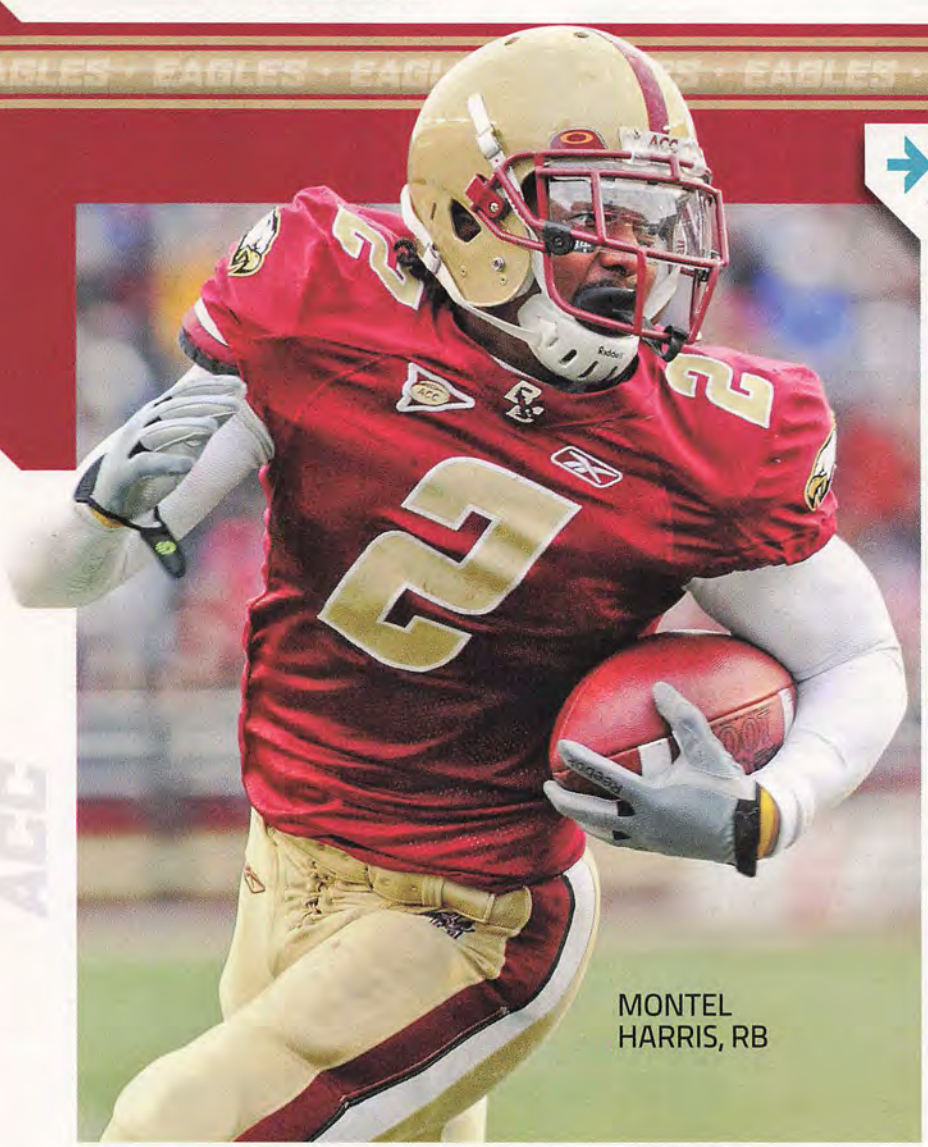
2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	FSU	OPP
SCORING	391	390
Points Per Game	30.1	30.0
FIRST DOWNS	282	271
Rushing	118	128
Passing	146	121
Penalty	18	22
RUSHING YARDAGE	1944	2660
Yards gained rushing	2215	2961
Yards lost rushing	271	301
Rushing Attempts	422	494
Average Per Rush	4.6	5.4
Average Per Game	149.5	204.6
TDs Rushing	27	27
PASSING YARDAGE	3534	2990
Att-Comp-Int	296-437-13	205-343-14
Average Per Pass	8.1	8.7
Average Per Catch	11.9	14.6
Average Per Game	271.8	230.0
TDs Passing	16	26
TOTAL OFFENSE	5478	5650
Total Plays	859	837
Average Per Play	6.4	6.8
Average Per Game	421.4	434.6
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	67-1390	50-1068
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	23-390	17-136
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	14-251	13-197

TEAM STATISTICS	FSU	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	20.7	21.4
PUNT RETURN AVG.	17.0	8.0
INT RETURN AVG.	17.9	15.2
FUMBLES-LOST	26-13	20-13
PENALTIES-YARDS	89-811	80-605
Average Per Game	62.4	46.5
PUNTS-YARDS	44-1825	48-1946
Average Per Punt	41.5	40.5
Net punt average	36.1	31.6
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:46	29:14
3RD-DOWN CONV.	74/160	71/161
3rd-Down Pct.	46%	44%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	5/11	12/18
4th-Down Pct.	45%	67%
SACKS BY-YARDS	26-158	20-146
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	48	53
FG-ATTEMPTS	19-27	8-14
PAT-ATTEMPTS	40-44	46-51
ATTENDANCE	446067	363556
Games/Avg Per Game	6/74344	6/60593
Neutral Site Games		1/84129

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Florida State	89	101	84	117	0	391
Opponent	89	128	58	115	0	390

2 BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES



MONTEL HARRIS, RB

BULLET POINTS

- The Eagles' most pressing need is better play at the most important position, quarterback.
- The return of Mark Herzlich from cancer to team with Luke Kuechly gives BC two of the best 'backers in the ACC.
- Colin Larmond Jr. should emerge as the Eagles' go-to receiver.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Weber State	
S.11	Kent State	34-7
GAME TO WATCH		
S.25	**Virginia Tech**	**14-48**

After home warm-ups against nonconference foes Weber State and Kent State, the Eagles will play host to the Hokies. A victory could portend their third trip to the ACC title game in four years.

O.2	Notre Dame	16-20
O.9	@N.C. STATE	52-20
O.16	@FLORIDA STATE	28-21
O.23	Maryland	19-17
O.30	Clemson	7-25
N.6	@WAKE FOREST	27-24 (OT)
N.13	@DUKE	
N.20	Virginia	14-10
N.27	@SYRACUSE	

BOWL PROJECTION

MUSIC CITY BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
CHRIS PANTALE, TE

The Eagles have a rising star in Pantale, and offensive coordinator Gary Tranquill proved last season that he knows how to use him. Pantale caught 25 passes in 2009 and was named a second-team Freshman All-American.

It was a great story when Boston College rewarded Frank Spaziani for his loyalty—12 years as an Eagles assistant—by naming him head football coach.

And Spaziani spent his first season making the story even better.

Picked by many to finish last in the division, the Eagles placed second to Clemson in the Atlantic Division at 5-3, and finished 8-5 overall after losing to USC in the Emerald Bowl.

Considering the adversity the Eagles had to overcome, it was the stuff of which Hollywood movies are made.

One star linebacker, Mark Herzlich, the ACC's Defensive Player of the Year in 2008, was diagnosed with bone cancer before the season and didn't play a down. Another standout 'backer, Mike McLaughlin, tore his Achilles tendon in the spring and didn't make it back until the fourth game against Wake Forest.

The only quarterback with any experience, Dominique Davis, transferred before the season began, leaving offensive coordinator Gary Tranquill with Dave Shinskie, a 25-year-old freshman who spent the previous seven years playing minor league baseball. Shinskie started the final 10 games but struggled to get the Eagles into the end zone.

Consequently, even with sophomore Montel Harris rushing for 1,457 yards—second in the ACC to Virginia Tech's Ryan Williams—the Eagles still ranked ninth in the league with 24.8 points a game.

The backbone of the team was again Spaziani's defense, which overcame the loss of Herzlich to rank third in the ACC in scoring defense (19.8 points a game). Along the way, a new star emerged when freshman linebacker Luke

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Kuechly led the ACC (and was second nationally) with 12.15 tackles a game on the way to being named ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

As he looks for an encore, Spaziani still has the quarterback problem to contend with. Shinskie has new competition with the arrival of freshman QBs Joshua Bordner and Chase Rettig in time for spring practices. And sophomore Mike Marscovetra, who did little to distinguish himself last year, is in the mix as well.

Harris is back to run behind an offensive line that returns everybody except for center Matt Tennant. Anthony Castonzo, a 6-7, 295-pound left tackle who made first-team All-ACC last season, leads the line.

The biggest holes to fill on offense are at wide receiver, where Rich Gunnell and Justin Jarvis were lost to spent eligibility. The leading targets returning are Colin Larmond, Jr., who caught 29 passes for 596 yards and five touchdowns last season, and tight end Chris Pantale (25 receptions, 223 yards).

The defense lost five good players in tackle Austin Giles, end Jim Ramella, McLaughlin, cornerback Roderick Rollins and safety Marcellus Bowman. But the Eagles could get a huge morale boost if Herzlich is able to make it back to the field, as he spent the offseason planning to do.

A linebacker trio of Herzlich, Kuechly and Mike Morrissey, who had 37 tackles last season, could be one of the strongest in the conference, if not the country.

End Alex Albright, who made 32 tackles (including eight for loss) last season, will join tackle Damik Scafe (35 tackles) in anchoring the defensive line. Brad Newman, a 6-2, 256-pound senior, is expected to play both end and tackle after splitting time with Albright last season at end, and Spaziani is hoping to get a full season out of Kaleb Ramsey, who has been saddled by injuries.

Wes Davis emerged in 2009 as one of the best safeties in the conference when he started 12 games, made 46 tackles and picked off three passes.

A stingy defense and a big-footed punter make up a time-tested game plan, and in junior Ryan Quigley, the Eagles have one of the best punters in the ACC. Quigley ranked fifth in the conference last season with an average of 40.8 yards per punt and tied Matt Bosher of Miami for the league lead with 23 boots downed inside the 20.

—Dan Collins

RECRUITING REPORT

As usual, Boston College's results on the field were better than its efforts in recruiting—at least on paper. While the Eagles finished near the bottom of the ACC in recruiting, this is a team that relies on overachievers who come in with chips on their shoulders and compete.

The Eagles did very well offensively, landing coveted quarterback **Chase Rettig** from California as well as big-time wide receiver **Shakim Phillips** from New Jersey. They also landed another top class of offensive linemen, led by Pennsylvania tackle **Seth Betancourt,** Illinois guard **Andy Gallik** and Massachusetts sleeper **Robert Vardaro.** Running back **Andre Williams** could also be a sleeper in the ACC.

On defense, linebacker **Kevin Pierre-Louis** will likely continue BC's tradition of excellence at the position. Defensive end **Dominic Appiah** and cornerback **C.J. Jones** have tremendous potential. Athlete **James McCaffrey** could play slot receiver, cornerback or safety for the Eagles. Late addition **Dominique Williams** will be a big hitter in the secondary.

The program met its needs at nearly every position except for depth along the defensive line, which will be an area of focus for 2011.

—Mike Farrell, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 ACC: 5-3
(lost to USC in the Emerald Bowl, 24-13)

Coach: Frank Spaziani, 2nd year (9-5)
Career record: 9-5 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator:
Gary Tranquill (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator:
Bill McGovern (2nd year)

Stadium: Alumni Stadium (44,500)
Tickets: 617-552-4522
Site: Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Official athletic Web site:
www.bceagles.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Dave Shinskie	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	13	118.96	149-288-14	51.7	2049	15	157.6

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Montel Harris	13	308	1457	4.7	14	112.1

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Colin Larmond	13	29	596	20.6	5	45.8

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Luke Kuechly	13	87	71	158

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Kaleb Ramsey	7	2.0	10
Dmik Scafe	12	2.0	20

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Wes Davis	3	33	11.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	15	Dave Shinskie (6-4, 216, So.)
	16	Michael Marscovetra (6-4, 192, So.)
FB	36	James McCluskey (6-2, 251, Sr.)
	13	Codi Boek (6-3, 221, Sr.)
RB	2	Montel Harris (5-10, 200, Jr.)
	28	Rolandan Finch (5-10, 201, So.)
LOT	74	Anthony Castonzo (6-7, 295, Sr.)
	73	John Wetzel (6-7, 286, So.)
LOG	77	Emmett Cleary (6-7, 297, So.)
	69	Mark Spinney (6-4, 292, Jr.)
C	75	Nathan Richman (6-6, 292, Jr.)
	62	Ian White (6-5, 299, Fr.)
ROG	78	Thomas Claiborne (6-3, 325, Sr.)
	71	Nick Halloran (6-6, 277, So.)
ROT	66	Rich Lapham (6-8, 322, Sr.)
	72	Mike Goodman (6-6, 302, So.)
TE	81	Chris Pantale (6-6, 244, So.)
	87	Lars Anderson (6-3, 243, Jr.)
WR	14	Billy Flutie (6-2, 194, Sr.)
	30	Donte Elliott (6-0, 197, So.)
WR	10	Colin Larmond (6-3, 200, Jr.)
	17	Clyde Lee (6-0, 191, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	98	Alex Albright (6-5, 248, Sr.)
	3	Ifeanyi Momah (6-6, 228, Sr.)
LDT	96	Kaleb Ramsey (6-3, 274, Jr.)
	93	Bryan Murray (6-2, 295, So.)
RDT	53	Damik Scafe (6-3, 291, Sr.)
	47	Brad Newman (6-2, 256, Sr.)
RDE	56	Max Holloway (6-2, 242, So.)
	33	Dan Williams (6-2, 240, Jr.)
SLB	94	Mark Herzlich (6-4, 238, Sr.)
	54	Nick Clancy (6-3, 226, So.)
MLB	40	Luke Kuechly (6-3, 225, So.)
	50	Will Thompson (6-1, 230, Jr.)
WLB	53	Mike Morrissey (6-2, 219, Sr.)
	39	Darius Bagan (6-2, 232, Sr.)
LCB	4	Donnie Fletcher (6-1, 196, Jr.)
	9	DeLeon Gause (5-11, 179, Sr.)
RCB	19	Isaac Johnson (6-0, 183, Jr.)
	25	Chris Fox (5-11, 198, Sr.)
FS	45	Wes Davis (6-1, 221, Sr.)
	27	Okechukwu Okoroha (6-1, 195, So.)
SS	26	Dominick LeGrande (6-2, 218, Jr.)
	23	Jim Noel (6-4, 181, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	46	Ryan Quigley (6-3, 191, Jr.)
P	46	Ryan Quigley (6-3, 191, Jr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	BC	OPP
SCORING	322	257
Points Per Game	24.8	19.8
FIRST DOWNS	214	236
Rushing	91	79
Passing	102	145
Penalty	21	12
RUSHING YARDAGE	1780	1341
Yards gained rushing	2125	1627
Yards lost rushing	345	286
Rushing Attempts	472	448
Average Per Rush	3.8	3.0
Average Per Game	136.9	103.2
TDs Rushing	17	11
PASSING YARDAGE	2431	2918
Att-Comp-Int	177-351-18	277-448-15
Average Per Pass	6.9	6.5
Average Per Catch	13.7	10.5
Average Per Game	187.0	224.5
TDs Passing	21	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	4211	4259
Total Plays	823	896
Average Per Play	5.1	4.8
Average Per Game	323.9	327.6
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	44-932	49-947
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	14-171	28-218
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	15-155	18-323

TEAM STATISTICS	BC	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	21.2	19.3
PUNT RETURN AVG.	12.2	7.8
INT RETURN AVG.	10.3	17.9
FUMBLES-LOST	17-8	13-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	65-566	80-724
Average Per Game	43.5	55.7
PUNTS-YARDS	79-3213	78-2943
Average Per Punt	40.7	37.7
Net punt average	36.9	33.2
TIME OF POSS./GAME	29:05	30:55
3RD-DOWN CONV.	52/172	67/197
3rd-Down Pct.	30%	34%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	7/11	8/20
4th-Down Pct.	64%	40%
SACKS BY-YARDS	18-131	20-155
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	40	28
FG-ATTEMPTS	13-14	20-25
PAT-ATTEMPTS	39-40	27-27
ATTENDANCE	250009	303394
Games/Avg Per Game	7/35716	5/60679
Neutral Site Games		1/40121

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Boston College	81	108	64	66	3	322
Opponent	61	79	23	94	0	257

3 N.C. STATE WOLFPACK

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Just when Tom O'Brien appeared to have the N.C. State program up to speed, his star linebacker ran off the road last June.

The Wolfpack never recovered.

With Nate Irving sidelined all season with injuries suffered when he fell asleep at the wheel on Interstate 40, the Wolfpack defense was enough of a pushover to tie for last in the ACC in scoring defense (31.2 points per game). And with quarterback Russell Wilson proving his mortality after a remarkable freshman season in 2008, N.C. State couldn't score enough points to avoid a disappointing 5-7 overall record and 2-6 finish in conference play.

Irving, who had 84 tackles in 2008 despite missing two games with an injury, is expected to be healthy in time for the season opener. He'll be playing a new position under a new linebackers coach. Jon Tenuta, a former defensive coordinator at North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Notre Dame, has moved Irving from boundary linebacker to middle.

Defensive coordinator Mike Archer will need an influx of new talent and further development of veterans after losing Willie Young, a second-team All-ACC defensive end, and six other starters. There are four players returning who started at least six games last season: linebackers Audie Cole and Dwayne Maddox, cornerback C.J. Wilson and safety Brandan Bishop.

Archer's most pressing task is to rebuild a defensive line that lost all four starters in Young, Shea McKeen, Alan-Michael Cash and Leroy Burgess. At least help has arrived in defensive end Jeff Rieskamp, who was sidelined all of last season with an injury. End Michael Lemon and tackle Natanu Mageo, who played all 12 games, should see time. And tackle Markus Kuhn (6-4, 303 pounds), who gained 20 pounds while redshirting last season, is an unproven commodity.

Wilson, who tied Riley Skinner for second in the ACC in passing efficiency (147.8) in '09, missed spring practices to concentrate on baseball. Speculation suggests that he might declare for the MLB draft. So backup Mike Glennon, who completed 61.5 percent of his passes for 248 yards last year, is preparing for a possible promotion.

Seven starters return from an offense that ranked fourth in the ACC with 30.3 points a game last year. Wide receiver Owen Spencer led the nation and set a conference record with 25.5 yards per catch a year ago, while Jarvis Williams caught 11 touchdown passes, third most in school history.

The two leading running backs, Toney Baker and Jamelle Eugene, both were lost to spent eligibility. But Curtis Underwood returns after redshirting his junior season. Sophomores James Washington and Brandon Barnes will also challenge for playing time.

RUSSELL WILSON, QB

DENNIS HUBBARD

THE NEXT BIG THING
C.J. WILSON, CB

The Wolfpack are looking for a leader to emerge from a young secondary, and Wilson showed in his six starts last season that he might be that man.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 ACC: 2-6

Coach: Tom O'Brien, 4th year (16-21)
Career record: 91-66
Offensive coordinator: Dana Bible (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Mike Archer (4th year)

Stadium: Carter-Finley Stadium (60,000)
Tickets: 800-310-PACK
Site: Raleigh
Official athletic Web site: www.gopack.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Western Carolina	
S.11	@UCF	
S.16	Cincinnati	
S.25	@GEORGIA TECH	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	**Virginia Tech**	**10-38**

The Wolfpack open their ACC schedule at Georgia Tech on Sept. 25. If they lose that one and then drop this home game to the Hokies a week later, the howls could get loud around Carter-Finley Stadium.

O.9	Boston College	20-52
O.16	@EAST CAROLINA	
O.28	Florida State	42-45
N.6	@CLEMSON	23-43
N.13	Wake Forest	24-30
N.20	@NORTH CAROLINA	28-27
N.27	@MARYLAND	38-31

BULLET POINTS

- Can Mike Archer straighten out a defense that tied Maryland in '09 for most points allowed by an ACC team?
- The Wolfpack may have the best quarterback in the ACC in Russell Wilson.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	16	Russell Wilson (5-11, 201, Jr.)
FB	47	Taylor Gentry (6-2, 242, Jr.)
RB	3	Curtis Underwood (5-11, 216, Jr.)
LOT	70	Jake Vermiglio (6-5, 315, Sr.)
LOG	64	Andrew Wallace (6-5, 299, So.)
C	53	Camden Wentz (6-3, 290, So.)
ROG	72	Zach Allen (6-3, 314, So.)
ROT	66	Sam Jones (6-7, 295, Fr.)
TE	84	George Bryan (6-5, 265, Jr.)
WR	5	Jarvis Williams (6-4, 213, Sr.)
WR	13	Owen Spencer (6-3, 185, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Michael Lemon (6-4, 267, Jr.)
LDT	90	Natanu Mageo (6-3, 285, Sr.)
RDT	52	J.R. Sweezy (6-5, 280, Jr.)
RDE	99	Jeff Rieskamp (6-3, 235, Jr.)
SLB	42	Audie Cole (6-5, 239, Jr.)
MLB	56	Nate Irving (6-1, 235, Sr.)
WLB	41	Dwayne Maddox (6-2, 237, Jr.)
LCB	2	Rashard Smith (5-11, 176, So.)
RCB	20	C.J. Wilson (5-11, 177, So.)
FS	30	Brandan Bishop (6-2, 200, So.)
SS	27	Earl Wolff (6-0, 196, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	36	Josh Czajkowski (5-9, 184, Sr.)
P	38	Jeff Ruiz (6-2, 185, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Robert Crisp
OT, 6-7, 299
Offensive tackles with the size and athleticism of Crisp are hard to find. You can bet he will see the field early.

2
David Amerson
DB, 6-3, 180
Amerson has impressive athleticism, including good closing speed and solid ball skills.

3
Tyson Chandler
OT, 6-6, 340
A jumbo lineman, Chandler is solid at the point of attack but will need to improve his pad level.

4
Anthony Creecy
WR, 6-0, 196
Creecy has good strength, speed and a physical nature at wide receiver.

5
Mustafa Greene
RB, 6-0, 190
Greene has good burst through the hole. He is a powerful runner who bounced back from injury his junior year to have a big 2009.

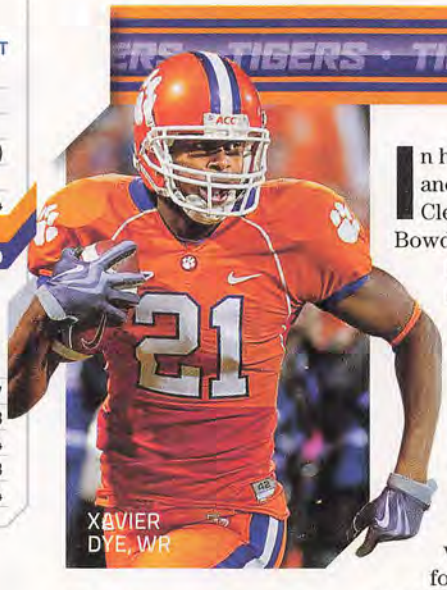
CLEMSON TIGERS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	North Texas	
S.11	Presbyterian	
S.18	@AUBURN	
O.2	Miami (Fla.)	40-37 (OT)
O.9	@NORTH CAROLINA	
O.16	Maryland	21-24
GAME TO WATCH		
O.23	Georgia Tech	34-39

The 2009 ACC championship will be replayed in Death Valley, where the Tigers will get another crack at stopping the Yellow Jacket option and prove they're ready to take their first title since 1991.

O.30	@BOSTON COLLEGE	25-7
N.6	N.C. State	43-23
N.13	@FLORIDA STATE	40-24
N.20	@WAKE FOREST	38-3
N.27	South Carolina	17-34



XAVIER DYE, WR

In his second full season, Dabo Swinney will take another stab at accomplishing what the two previous Clemson football coaches, Tommy West and Tommy Bowden, could not.

His sights are set on the school's first ACC title since Ken Hatfield's team won it in 1991. It's a conspicuous streak for a program that has sent so many notable players to the NFL, and it began the season Florida State joined the conference.

Swinney, who replaced Bowden in the seventh game of the 2008 season, came close last year, when the Tigers won the Atlantic Division (6-2) before losing to Georgia Tech 39-34 in the ACC championship. Clemson rallied in the fourth quarter, only to lose when Jonathan Dwyer scored the winning touchdown for the Yellow Jackets with 1:20 remaining.

The Tigers lost nine starters from last year's 9-5 squad, including C.J. Spiller, an All-America running back who set 31 school records and finished second on the NCAA's all-time list with 7,588 all-purpose yards. He and wide receiver Jacoby Ford (56 catches, 779 yards, 6 TDs) will be hard to replace.

The offensive line remains intact, with one notable exception in Thomas Austin, a second-team All-ACC guard. With Austin gone, look for All-ACC second-teamer Chris Hairston and Landon Walker at tackle, along with guard Antoine McClain and center Dalton Freeman protecting quarterback Kyle Parker.

The line will also look after Spiller's successor, which could be either Andre Ellington (491 yards) or Jamie Harper (418).

Parker, who doubles as a starting outfielder for the Clemson baseball team and has flirted with declaring for the MLB draft, showed promise last year when he passed for 2,526 yards, the fifth-highest total for a freshman in ACC history.

Clemson's defense finished third in the ACC in total defense (314.3 yards per game) and fourth in scoring defense (20.4 points per game) last fall. With six starters returning on that side of the ball, the Tigers have a chance to ignite.

Even after the loss of defensive end Ricky Sapp, who made second-team All-ACC, the Tigers should again be stout up front with the return of end Da'Quan Bowers and tackles Jarvis Jenkins and Brandon Thompson. Bowers, a force off the edge, had 11 tackles for loss, three sacks and 12 QB pressures last year.

Middle linebacker Brandon Maye (103 tackles) could be one of the ACC's most intimidating players this season.

The secondary boasts safety DeAndre McDaniel, a first-team All-ACC choice last year who led the conference with eight interceptions, and cornerback Marcus Gilchrist, who started all 14 games a year ago.

BULLET POINTS

- Chris Hairston anchors one of the most experienced and talented O-lines in ACC.
- Cornerback is a concern after the loss of Crezdon Butler and Chris Chancellor.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	11	Kyle Parker (6-1, 200, So.)
RB	23	Andre Ellington (5-10, 180, So.)
LOT	61	Chris Hairston (6-7, 325, Sr.)
LOG	73	David Smith (6-5, 290, Jr.)
C	55	Dalton Freeman (6-5, 280, So.)
ROG	74	Antoine McClain (6-6, 320, Jr.)
ROT	72	Landon Walker (6-6, 305, Jr.)
TE	83	Dwayne Allen (6-4, 255, So.)
WR	21	Xavier Dye (6-4, 210, Sr.)
WR	87	Terrance Ashe (6-2, 190, Sr.)
WR	26	Marquan Jones (6-0, 195, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	93	Da'Quan Bowers (6-4, 280, Jr.)
LDT	98	Brandon Thompson (6-3, 305, Jr.)
RDT	99	Jarvis Jenkins (6-4, 310, Sr.)
RDE	40	Andre Branch (6-5, 265, Jr.)
SLB	44	Scotty Cooper (6-1, 220, Sr.)
MLB	20	Brandon Maye (6-3, 230, Jr.)
WLB	42	Corico Hawkins (5-11, 230, So.)
LCB	12	Marcus Gilchrist (5-11, 190, Sr.)
RCB	36	Byron Maxwell (6-1, 200, Sr.)
FS	31	Rashard Hall (6-2, 195, So.)
SS	2	DeAndre McDaniel (6-1, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	19	Richard Jackson (6-0, 195, Sr.)
P	96	Dawson Zimmerman (6-2, 200, Jr.)

Sporting News All-American

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-5 ACC: 6-2
(beat Kentucky in the Music City Bowl, 21-13)

Coach: Dabo Swinney, 3rd year (13-8)
Career record: 13-8
Offensive coordinator: Billy Napier (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Kevin Steele (2nd year)

Stadium: Clemson Memorial Stadium (80,301)
Tickets: 864-656-2118
Site: Clemson, S.C.
Official athletic Web site: www.clemsontigers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY
Conference Title · Bowl · National Title

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — **Josh Watson**, *DT, 6-3, 285*
Watson is a fifth-year prospect who emerged as one of the nation's top defensive tackles at Hargrave Military Academy.

2 — **Martavis Bryant**, *WR, 6-4, 190*
The 6-4 Bryant has great size as a wide receiver. With deceptive speed and big, sure hands, he can be a deep threat.

3 — **DeAndre Hopkins**, *WR, 6-2, 194*
Hopkins emerged as one of the nation's most sure-handed receivers, and he's an excellent route-runner.

4 — **Darius Robinson**, *CB, 6-0, 170*
Robinson's versatility and physical nature will allow him to compete early. He has good size for a cornerback and could play safety.

5 — **Justin Parker**, *LB, 6-3, 230*
Parker has impressive lateral ability for a big linebacker, and his coverage skills are a strength.

THE NEXT BIG THING
BRANDON MAYE, LB

After deferring to seniors Kavell Conner and Kevin Alexander last year, Maye is ready to assume center-stage in the Clemson defense. He was good in 2009 with 103 tackles. Barring injury, he'll be better in 2010.

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5 WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Three seasons have come and gone since Wake Forest turned the ACC upside down.

Riley Skinner, the freshman quarterback who came out of nowhere to lead the Deacons to the 2006 ACC title, never made it back to the championship game. His final season ended one victory short of a fourth straight bowl, when the Deacons lost five in a row to finish 5-7 overall and 3-5 in conference play.

To make it back to the Orange Bowl, the Deacons will have to do it without linebacker Aaron Curry, cornerbacks Alphonso Smith and Brandon Ghee, defensive tackles John Russell and Boo Robinson … and, of course, Skinner.

Coach Jim Grobe says his recruiting classes have improved each year since he took over one of college football's most historically downtrodden teams in 2001. Some of that young talent will have to emerge quickly if the Deacons are going to remain competitive in the Atlantic Division.

The most gaping hole is quarterback. Skinner, in 49 starts, completed 903 passes for 9,762 yards and just missed setting the ACC record for career completion percentage. He holds most of the career records at Wake and ranks second all-time in the ACC in completions, fourth in passing yards and seventh with 60 touchdown passes.

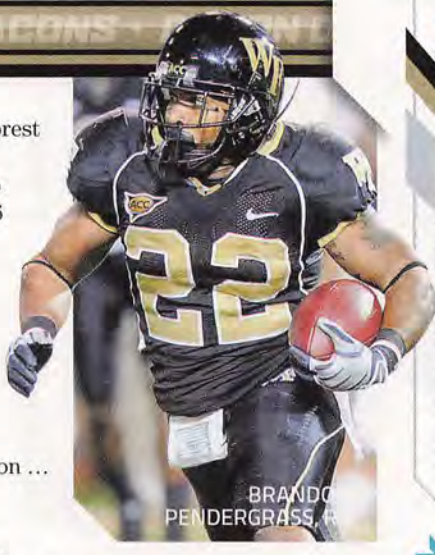
Junior Skylar Jones emerged as the favorite after an impressive spring. He'll receive competition from injury-riddled sophomore Ted Stachitas, a highly regarded recruit in 2008, and Brendan Cross, who ran the scout team last season.

Whoever wins the QB job will need consistent effort from the offensive line. The Deacons, one of the NCAA's most formidable running teams early in Grobe's tenure, ranked eighth in the ACC last season with 131.8 rushing yards per game, and Wake Forest quarterbacks were sacked 28 times—sixth most in the conference.

Senior running back Josh Adams has yet to regain his form from 2007, when he was named ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year after gaining 953 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns. Last season he gained 541 yards and scored four TDs while splitting the position with Brandon Pendergrass (399 yards).

The defensive line will have to rebuild after the loss of Russell and Robinson, though the return of defensive end Kyle Wilber from a broken leg should help.

Seniors Matt Woodlief and Hunter Haynes provide experience at linebacker, but the success of the Deacons' defense will depend on the continued development of ends Tristan Dorty and Wilber, safety Cyhl Quarles and cornerbacks Josh Bush and Kenny Okoro.



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THE NEXT BIG THING
KENNY OKORO, CB

With the loss of Brandon Ghee, Okoro will get the toughest assignments. His performance as a redshirt freshman—when he had three interceptions and 11 breakups—suggests he's ready for the challenge.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 ACC: 3-5

Coach: Jim Grobe, 10th year (59-51)
Career record: 92-84-1
Offensive coordinator: Steed Lobotzke (8th year)
Defensive coordinator: Brad Lambert (3rd year)

Stadium: BB&T Field (31,500)
Tickets: 888-758-DEAC
Site: Winston-Salem, N.C.
Official athletic Web site: www.wakeforestsports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Presbyterian	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.11	Duke	45-34

The Deacons have beaten the Blue Devils 10 straight times, but it has rarely been a rout. If the streak stops at BB&T Field, Wake will be in an early hole.

S.18	@STANFORD	24-17
S.25	@FLORIDA STATE	28-41
O.2	Georgia Tech	27-30 (OT)
O.9	Navy	10-13
O.16	@VIRGINIA TECH	
O.30	@MARYLAND	42-32
N.6	Boston College	24-27 (OT)
N.13	@N.C. STATE	30-24
N.20	Clemson	3-38
N.27	@VANDERBILT	

BULLET POINTS

- Wake will turn to an untested QB to replace Riley Skinner, the best signal-caller in the history of the program.
- The defensive interior must be rebuilt.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Skylar Jones (6-1, 185, Jr.)
FB	44	Mike Rinfrette (6-3, 260, Sr.)
RB	27	Josh Adams (6-0, 185, Sr.)
LOT	69	Dennis Godfrey (6-3, 335, Jr.)
LOG	78	Joe Looney (6-3, 295, Jr.)
C	72	Russell Nenon (6-4, 295, Sr.)
ROG	75	Michael Hoag (6-6, 295, Jr.)
ROT	62	Doug Weaver (6-8, 295, Jr.)
TE	80	Andrew Parker (6-5, 225, Jr.)
WR	8	Marshall Williams (6-1, 185, Sr.)
WR	3	Devon Brown (5-9, 185, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	55	Tristan Dorty (6-2, 250, Jr.)
LDT	95	Ramon Booi (6-6, 300, So.)
RDT	94	Tripp Russell (6-3, 240, Sr.)
RDE	97	Kyle Wilber (6-5, 230, Jr.)
SLB	40	Joey Ehrmann (6-4, 210, So.)
MLB	32	Scott Betros (6-1, 230, So.)
WLB	46	Matt Woodlief (5-11, 255, Sr.)
LCB	4	Josh Bush (5-11, 195, Jr.)
RCB	6	Kenny Okoro (6-0, 190, So.)
FS	29	Dominique Tate (5-10, 180, Fr.)
SS	5	Cyhl Quarles (6-3, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

KFG	82	Jimmy Newman (6-2, 195, Fr.)
P	37	Shane Popham (5-11, 190, Jr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
A.J. Marshall
CB, 5-11, 170
A pure cover corner, Marshall has tremendous technique and instincts. It seems he is always around the football.

2
Zachary Allen
LB, 6-2, 210
Allen selected the Demon Deacons over West Virginia, Tennessee, Michigan and Pittsburgh.

3
Matt James
WR, 6-6, 196
A wonderful athlete, few receivers possess James' size and agility. He is a potential matchup nightmare for ACC cornerbacks.

4
Duke Mosby
DT, 6-3, 272
Mosby has enough speed to run sideline to sideline and the explosion needed to jump into the backfield consistently.

5
Antonio Ford
DT, 6-3, 271
Ford gives Wake a versatile lineman who could play defensive tackle or offensive guard. He has good burst off the ball and solid athleticism.

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MARYLAND TERRAPINS 6

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.6	Navy*	
S.11	Morgan State	
S.18	@WEST VIRGINIA	
S.25	Florida International	

GAME TO WATCH

O.2	Duke	13-17

Athletic director Debbie Yow stood by her football coach, giving Ralph Friedgen another chance after last season's 2-10 finish. If the Terps lose at home to Duke, she'll regret it.

O.16	@CLEMSON	24-21
O.23	@BOSTON COLLEGE	17-19
O.30	Wake Forest	32-42
N.6	@MIAMI (Fla.)	
N.13	@VIRGINIA	9-20
N.20	Florida State	26-29
N.27	N.C. State	31-38

** at Baltimore*

BULLET POINTS

- Ralph Friedgen remains on the hot seat after surviving last year's 2-10 disaster.
- Jamarr Robinson replaces Chris Turner to give the Terps a twin-threat playmaker at quarterback.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	11	Jamarr Robinson (6-0, 195, Jr.)
FB	32	Haroon Brown (5-11, 260, Jr.)
RB	23	Da'Rel Scott (5-11, 200, Sr.)
LOT	75	Justin Gilbert (6-6, 300, So.)
LOG	77	Andrew Gonnella (6-5, 305, Jr.)
C	71	Paul Pinegar (6-4, 290, Sr.)
ROG	63	Bennett Fulper (6-4, 295, So.)
ROT	76	R.J. Dill (6-7, 300, So.)
TE	34	Devonte Campbell (6-2, 255, So.)
WR	7	Adrian Cannon (6-2, 204, Sr.)
WR	82	Torrey Smith (6-1, 200, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	44	Derek Drummond (6-4, 245, Jr.)
LDT	96	A.J. Francis (6-4, 295, So.)
RDT	69	Zachariah Kerr (6-2, 320, So.)
RDE	95	Justin Anderson (6-5, 265, So.)
SLB	1	Adrian Moten (6-2, 230, Sr.)
MLB	33	Alex Wujciak (6-3, 245, Sr.)
WLB	9	Demetrius Hartsfield (6-2, 235, So.)
LCB	21	Trenton Hughes (5-11, 185, Jr.)
RCB	22	Cameron Chism (5-10, 190, Jr.)
FS	6	Kenny Tate (6-4, 220, Jr.)
SS	2	Antwine Perez (6-1, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	43	Nick Ferrara (6-0, 200, So.)
P	35	Travis Baltz (6-3, 210, Sr.)

TORREY SMITH, WR

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QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 2-10 ACC: 1-7

Coach: Ralph Friedgen, 10th year (66-46)
Career record: 66-46
Offensive coordinator: James Franklin (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Don Brown (2nd year)

Stadium: Byrd Stadium (51,500)
Tickets: 301-314-7070
Site: College Park
Official athletic Web site: www.umterps.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
David Mackall
DE, 6-3, 240
Mackall is quick off the edge, good in pursuit and a reliable tackler. His aggressive nature will be welcome in College Park.

2
Titus Till
S, 6-3, 200
The No. 11 safety in the country has good size and range in the secondary and could potentially move to linebacker.

3
Javarie Johnson
LB, 6-4, 208
The No. 1 prospect in the D.C. area could be a huge linebacker, pass-rushing defensive end or combo player.

4
Nathaniel Clarke
OG, 6-4, 282
Clarke flew up the rankings over the course of the recruiting season, culminating in a four-star rating.

5
Lorne Goree
LB, 6-2, 210
A physical player at the point of attack, Goree has good size but can also run things down on the outside.

For the longest time, it appeared that 2009 would be the year Ralph Friedgen lost more than a bunch of weight.

Before Maryland closed its 2-10 season with seven straight losses, the clamor for Friedgen to be relieved as coach had reached a fever pitch. Ultimately, Debbie Yow, the Terps' director of athletics, resisted the calls for dismissal and announced that Friedgen would be back in 2010.

But in doing so, she made it clear the patience for another 10-loss season—the first in school history—had run out.

"Coach Friedgen and I are in complete agreement on the expectation to return the football program to its competitive stature," Yow says. "He has assured the university and fans of his intentions to do whatever is necessary to become a Top 25 program again.

"He continues to have my full support."

Friedgen, 66-46 in nine seasons at Maryland, has coached the Terps to six bowl games but produced only two winning seasons in the past six years. He has two years remaining on a contract that pays him $2 million a year.

Knowing his record, he's grateful for the second chance.

"I'm very thankful for the opportunity," Friedgen says. "I hope I wasn't judged on just this year. But this shows the confidence the administration has in me and our program.

"I'm willing to repay that with everything I have to make this the team we expect it to be."

Young and injury-riddled, the Terps never got on track offensively in 2009 and finished 11th in ACC scoring with 21.3 points a game. Quarterback Chris Turner ranked seventh in the conference in passing efficiency, and Da'Rel Scott, a first-team All-ACC running back in 2008 when he gained 1,133 yards, was limited to seven starts and 425 yards due to a broken wrist.

But Friedgen is predicting an upswing with the return of seven starters on offense, including Scott, wide receiver Torrey Smith (61 catches, 824 yards) and linemen Paul Pinegar, Andrew Gonnella and R.J. Dill.

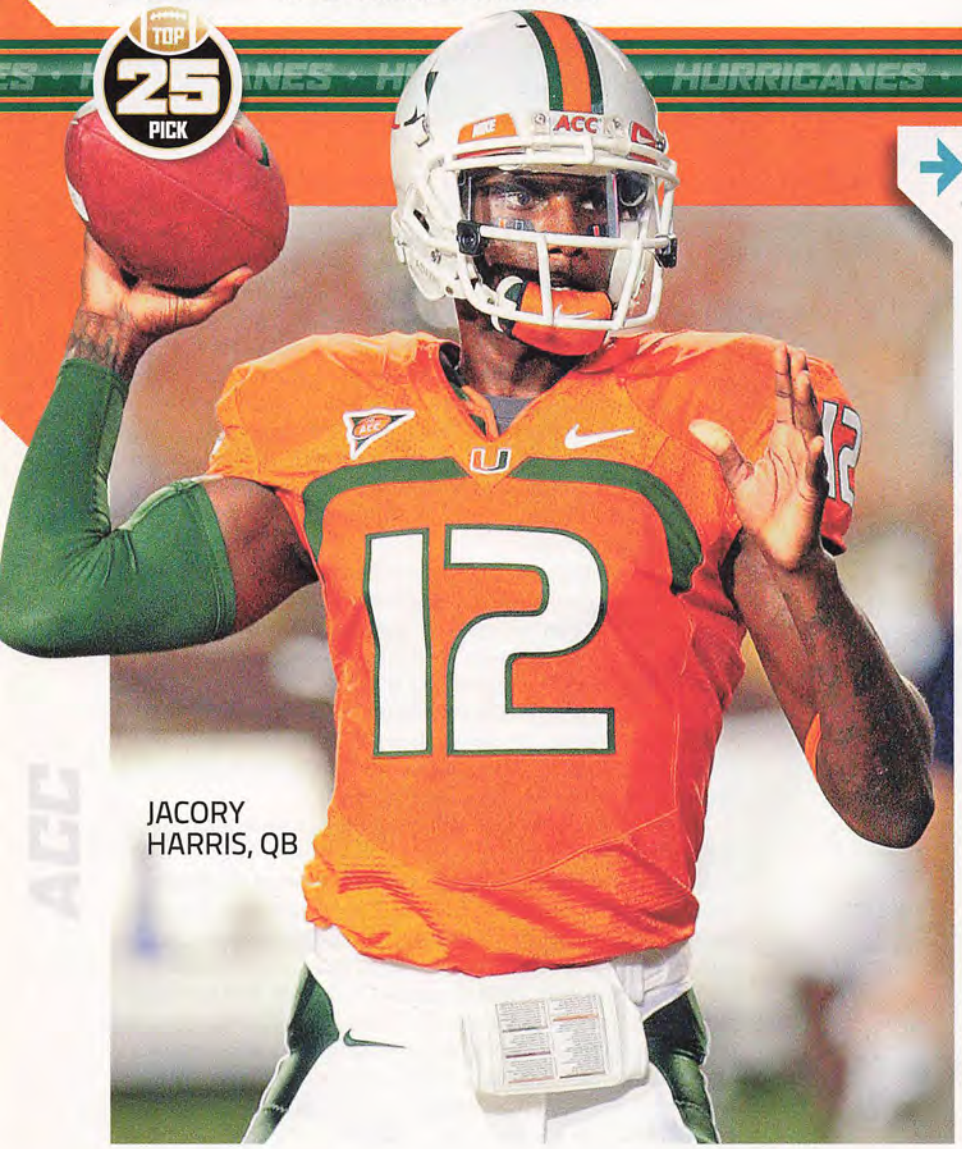
Jamarr Robinson got a leg up on the quarterback competition when he replaced an injured Turner late in the year and piled up 328 yards passing and 56 yards rushing combined against Florida State and Boston College. His 129 yards rushing against Virginia Tech were the third most last season against the Hokies (after Nebraska's Roy Helu recorded 169 yards and Heisman winner Mark Ingram had 150 for Alabama).

The defense should be more experienced, too, with four of its top five tacklers returning from a unit that tied N.C. State for the most generous in the ACC with 31.2 points allowed per game. Alex Wujciak, a first-team All-ACC linebacker last season, has 264 career tackles, the most of any returning player in the conference.

THE NEXT BIG THING
DEMETRIUS HARTSFIELD, LB

Hartsfield didn't get to shine much in 2009 because of a broken wrist that limited him to 10 games and seven starts. He still finished fifth on the team with 64 tackles.

1 MIAMI HURRICANES



BULLET POINTS

- Jacory Harris is emerging as a leader and big playmaker but needs to cut down on his interceptions (17 in 2009).
- Continuity on the staff, with Mark Whipple and John Lovett returning, should pay dividends.
- Punter/placekicker Bosher is a special talent who will be a difference-maker.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Florida A&M	48-16

GAME TO WATCH

S.11 @ OHIO STATE

Miami travels to the Horseshoe in Columbus for a rematch of the unforgettable 2003 Fiesta Bowl. This might be the ACC's biggest nonconference game of the season.

S.23	@PITTSBURGH	
O.2	@CLEMSON	37-40 (OT)
O.9	Florida State	38-34
O.16	@DUKE	34-16
O.23	North Carolina	24-33
O.30	@VIRGINIA	52-17
N.6	Maryland	
N.13	@GEORGIA TECH	33-17
N.20	Virginia Tech	7-31
N.27	South Florida	31-10

BOWL PROJECTION

ORANGE BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
JAMAL REID, S

In the spring, the redshirt freshman lived up to his billing as one of the top defensive backs in his class. He's on target to make a serious push for a starting job at safety.

By many measures, it appears "The U," as they're fond of calling themselves at the University of Miami, has regained prominence.

With a 9-4 effort last season, Miami recorded its largest win total since 2005. The Hurricanes' No. 19 position in the final *Associated Press* poll was their first season-ending Top 25 ranking in four years.

But it wasn't enough for some of the Miami players, who are proud they took steps toward reestablishing the Hurricanes as an elite program but believe more work needs to be done.

"We felt like last year we let a couple of those games get away from us that we should have won," recalls senior linebacker Colin McCarthy, a second-team All-ACC selection last season. "I mean, 9-4 is good for other teams, but for the University of Miami we want to win all of them. Our plan doesn't change. We want to compete for an ACC and a national championship, and that's what we're going to do."

Although a schedule that includes eight teams that played in bowls last season is difficult, the Hurricanes should be better this season. Quarterback Jacory Harris, who briefly generated some Heisman buzz last season when Miami won five of its first six games, is back as a junior.

He missed spring practice after having surgery on his right thumb. But he threw 24 touchdown passes last year and has the ability to hurt opponents as a runner as well. He is expected to return at full strength in the fall and will have a goal of cutting down on the 17 interceptions he threw in 2009.

The Hurricanes should be strong at running back even if Graig Cooper, who's recovering from a knee injury, is unable to play. Damien Berry, who ran

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for 616 yards and averaged 6.6 yards per carry (even though he didn't play in the first four games of last season), is back. And there's a chance that Cooper, who rushed for 695 yards last season and averaged 5.2 yards per carry, could also be back.

Miami's eight returning starters on defense include senior Allen Bailey, a first-team All-ACC defensive end who recorded seven sacks last season. And on special teams, the tireless Matt Bosher was named first-team All-ACC as a placekicker and second-team all-conference as a punter in 2009.

In addition to talent, the Hurricanes finally have continuity in Randy Shannon's fourth season as head coach. For the first time in five years, Miami has its coordinators returning on both offense (Mark Whipple) and defense (John Lovett).

Shannon has consistently brought some of the nation's top talent to Miami. He has signed top-25 classes in each of the last four years, including a No. 3-ranked haul in 2008, according to *Scout.com*.

But turnover on his staff (and perhaps hiring the wrong assistants in the first place) prevented the Hurricanes from extending their improvement over multiple seasons. Last year, Miami improved its scoring (up 3.2 ppg) and scoring defense (down 2.0) under Whipple and Lovett and have a chance to continue getting better this season.

Whipple has plenty of talent to work with at the skill positions. In addition to Harris and the running backs, Miami has a lot of capable wide receivers, including returning starters Leonard Hankerson and LaRon Byrd. The offensive line could be a bit of a problem, though, as just two starters—tackle Orlando Franklin and guard Joel Figueroa—are back.

There are no such problems on the defensive line, where Bailey and fellow starters Josh Holmes and Andrew Smith also return. End Adewale Ojomo, a superb pass rusher, is back after missing all of last season with a broken jaw. The Hurricanes will have plenty of depth up front with experienced returnees in Marcus Robinson, Steven Wesley, Marcus Forston and Olivier Vernon.

McCarthy, the team's leading returning tackler (he had 95 last season), leads the linebackers. He is joined by Sean Spence, the 2008 ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year who missed three games last season because of injuries.

The secondary, which has three starters back, will be led by junior Brandon Harris.

RECRUITING REPORT

Miami produced one of the top recruiting classes in the ACC. The Hurricanes hauled in 29 prospects with plenty of speed and size.

As usual, Miami pulled the majority of its talented class from Florida (16 commitments), but the Hurricanes signed prospects from as far north as Massachusetts and New York. Miami also landed prospects from California, Texas, Ohio, Illinois and Virginia.

Leading the way is five-star athlete **Latwan Anderson**, the No. 15 prospect in the nation. He'll likely be a cornerback for the Hurricanes because of his size and closing speed, but he can also play safety. His speed could be put to use early as a return man.

Miami solidified its offensive line with five commitments, including four-star prospects **Malcolm Bunche** and **Brandon Linder**. Both provide excellent size and can play inside or outside. The offense also added three tailbacks, including bruiser **Storm Johnson**, who was rated the No. 7 back in the nation.

The Hurricanes also added a good bit of talent on defense, led by tackle **Tavadis Glenn**. Versatile linebacker **Travis Williams** has the speed to play safety.

—Mike Farrell, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 ACC: 5-3
(lost to Wisconsin in the Champs Sports Bowl, 20-14)

Coach: Randy Shannon, 4th year (21-17)
Career record: 21-17
Offensive coordinator: Mark Whipple (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: John Lovett (2nd year)

Stadium: Sun Life Stadium (76,500)
Tickets: 800-GO-CANES
Site: Coral Gables, Fla.
Official athletic Web site: www.hurricanesports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Jacory Harris

GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
13	140.1	242-406-17	59.6	3352	24	257.8

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Graig Cooper	12	134	695	5.2	4	57.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Aldarius Johnson	12	31	332	10.7	3	27.7

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Colin McCarthy	13	53	42	95

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Allen Bailey	13	7	66

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Brandon Harris	2	10	5.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Jacory Harris (6-4, 190, Jr.)
	11	A.J. Highsmith (6-0, 195, So.)
FB	5	Mike James (5-11, 220, So.)
	30	Patrick Hill (5-9, 255, Sr.)
RB	2	Graig Cooper (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	20	Damien Berry (5-11, 217, Sr.)
LOT	55	Ben Jones (6-5, 300, So.)
	78	Jermaine Johnson (6-6, 310, Fr.)
LOG	74	Orlando Franklin (6-7, 318, Sr.)
	72	Brandon Washington (6-4, 330, So.)
C	63	Tyler Horn (6-4, 300, Jr.)
	77	Stephen Plein (6-6, 260, Fr.)
ROG	61	Joel Figueroa (6-5, 330, Sr.)
	66	Harland Gunn (6-2, 315, Jr.)
ROT	75	Jared Wheeler (6-5, 330, Fr.)
	71	Cory White (6-5, 260, Fr.)
TE	84	Richard Gordon (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	88	Billy Sanders (6-4, 248, Fr.)
WR	47	LaRon Byrd (6-4, 215, Jr.)
	4	Aldarius Johnson (6-3, 215, Jr.)
WR	85	Leonard Hankerson (6-3, 215, Sr.)
	3	Travis Benjamin (5-10, 175, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	48	Andrew Smith (6-2, 245, Jr.)
	90	Steven Wesley (6-3, 250, Sr.)
LDT	96	Curtis Porter (6-1, 315, So.)
	99	Marcus Forston (6-3, 310, So.)
RDT	92	Josh Holmes (6-0, 280, Sr.)
	54	Micanor Regis (6-3, 300, Jr.)
RDE	57	Allen Bailey (6-4, 288, Sr.)
	56	Marcus Robinson (6-1, 237, Jr.)
SLB	44	Colin McCarthy (6-3, 242, Sr.)
	36	Kylan Robinson (6-1, 235, Sr.)
MLB	11	Arthur Brown (6-2, 223, Fr.)
	58	Jordan Futch (6-2, 235, Jr.)
WLB	45	Ramon Buchanan (6-1, 215, Jr.)
	31	Sean Spence (6-0, 212, Jr.)
LCB	1	Brandon Harris (5-11, 195, Jr.)
	13	Ryan Hill (6-0, 205, Sr.)
RCB	8	DeMarcus Van Dyke (6-1, 185, Sr.)
	21	Brandon McGee (5-11, 185, So.)
FS	7	Vaughn Telemaque (6-2, 197, So.)
	29	JoJo Nicolas (6-1, 200, Jr.)
SS	37	Jared Campbell (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	38	Corey Nelms (6-1, 195, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	25	Matt Bosher (6-0, 205, Sr.)
P	25	Matt Bosher (6-0, 205, Sr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

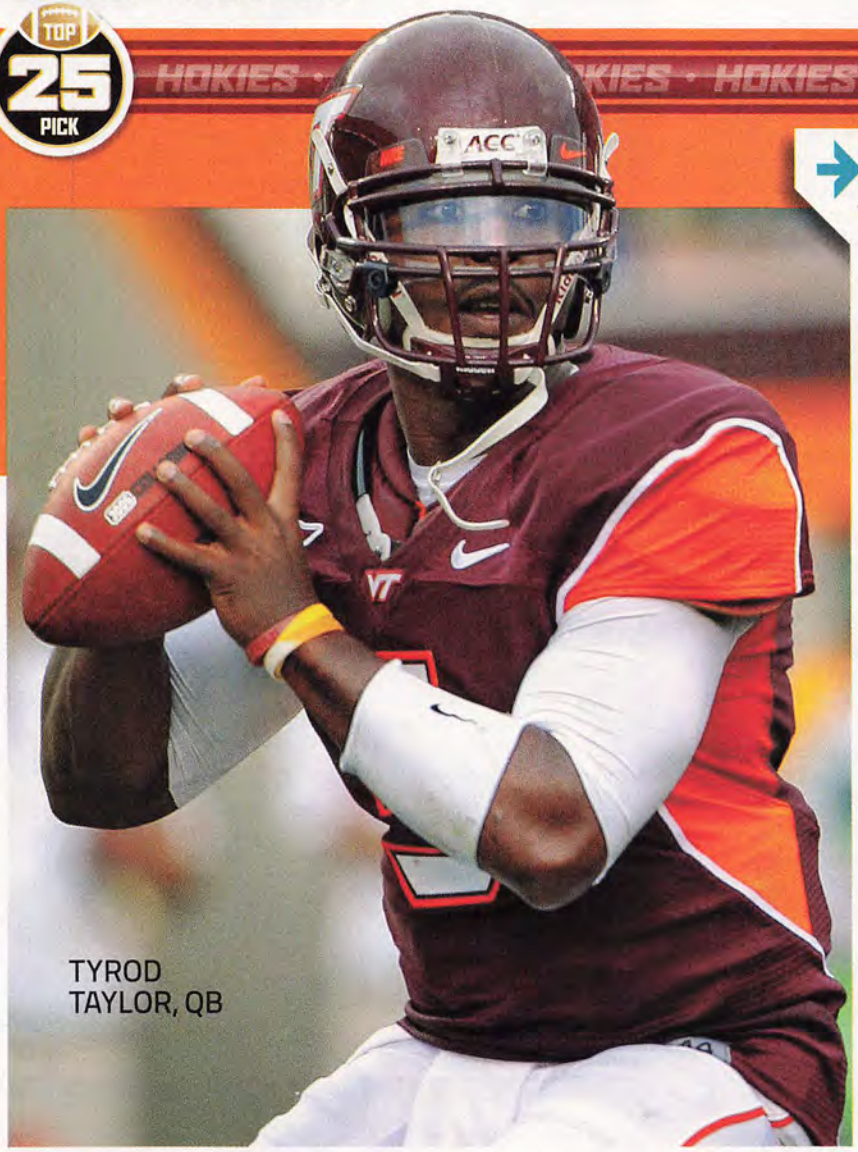
TEAM STATISTICS	MIAMI	OPP
SCORING	394	288
Points Per Game	30.3	22.2
FIRST DOWNS	275	224
Rushing	96	90
Passing	168	112
Penalty	11	22
RUSHING YARDAGE	1794	1590
Yards gained rushing	2226	2011
Yards lost rushing	432	421
Rushing Attempts	463	451
Average Per Rush	3.9	3.5
Average Per Game	138.0	122.3
TDs Rushing	21	10
PASSING YARDAGE	3405	2695
Att-Comp-Int	246-416-17	208-380-9
Average Per Pass	8.2	7.1
Average Per Catch	13.8	13.0
Average Per Game	261.9	207.3
TDs Passing	25	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	5199	4285
Total Plays	879	831
Average Per Play	5.9	5.2
Average Per Game	399.9	329.6
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	57-1235	67-1375
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	25-223	12-112
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	9-89	17-447

TEAM STATISTICS	MIAMI	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	21.7	20.5
PUNT RETURN AVG.	8.9	9.3
INT RETURN AVG.	9.9	26.3
FUMBLES-LOST	14-4	23-12
PENALTIES-YARDS	93-703	68-581
Average Per Game	54.1	44.7
PUNTS-YARDS	54-2181	68-2691
Average Per Punt	40.4	39.6
Net punt average	35.7	34.5
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:15	29:45
3RD-DOWN CONV.	79/177	66/182
3rd-Down Pct.	45%	36%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	9/20	4/10
4th-Down Pct.	45%	40%
SACKS BY-YARDS	24-199	35-258
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	50	31
FG-ATTEMPTS	14-16	24-31
PAT-ATTEMPTS	50-50	28-29
ATTENDANCE	285306	349743
Games/Avg Per Game	6/47551	6/58290
Neutral Site Games		1/56747

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Miami	79	93	108	111	3	394
Opponent	64	87	77	54	6	288

2 VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

TOP 25 PICK



TYROD TAYLOR, QB

BULLET POINTS

- By leading the ACC in pass efficiency last season, QB Tyrod Taylor proved he's not limited to making plays with his feet.
- This team is shaky on defense and special teams by Tech standards.
- A healthy Darren Evans' power in the backfield combined with Ryan Williams' speed will make a devastating combo.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.6	Boise State*	
S.11	James Madison	
S.18	East Carolina	16-3
S.25	@BOSTON COLLEGE	48-14
O.2	@N.C. STATE	38-10
O.9	Central Michigan	
O.16	Wake Forest	
O.23	Duke	34-26
N.4	Georgia Tech	23-28
N.13	@NORTH CAROLINA	17-20
GAME TO WATCH		
N.20	@MIAMI (Fla.)	31-7
The Hurricanes will be eager to avenge last year's loss at Virginia Tech. This year's game could decide the Coastal Division champion.		
N.27	Virginia	42-13

* *at Landover, Md.*

BOWL PROJECTION

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING

LOGAN THOMAS, QB

The redshirt freshman is remarkably athletic at 6-6 and 230 pounds. He may serve as the backup quarterback, but he's also too talented to spend the whole season holding a clipboard.

Frank Beamer isn't installing the wishbone at Virginia Tech, but perhaps he should consider it.

The Hokies might have the best stable of running backs in the nation. Darren Evans, who set an ACC freshman rushing record with 1,265 yards in 2008, is back after missing 2009 with a torn knee ligament.

Ryan Williams, who took over for Evans, rushed for 1,655 yards as a redshirt freshman last season.

Virginia Tech also has two backs in David Wilson and Josh Oglesby who would start for some other ACC teams.

Wilson, who averaged an eye-popping 5.7 yards per carry last year, is the third-team tailback. Oglesby has been moved to fullback after rushing for 335 yards in 2009.

"I think it's going to be pretty good," Evans says of the backfield. "Ryan is really explosive, probably one of the best I've ever played with, probably one of the best in the nation. And then I think we all just bring something different to the table."

Indeed, the entire makeup of the team is different from what Beamer traditionally coaches at Virginia Tech. The Hokies have become known for defeating opponents with big plays on defense and special teams.

But both of those units are inexperienced this season. End Jason Worilds and linebacker Cody Grimm are among the five starters missing from a defense that gave up an ACC-low 15.6 points per game last season.

Punter Brent Bowden and placekicker Matt Waldron are also gone.

"We feel good about our players," Beamer says. "We feel good about our talent level. I'm concerned about the lack of experience at a lot of positions defensively and a lack of experience in

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our kicking game."

Instead, Virginia Tech has a lot of talent at the skill positions. It starts at quarterback, where Tyrod Taylor finally has become a good enough passer to give the Hokies the versatility they need to be a top-notch offense.

Last season as a junior, Taylor led the ACC in passing efficiency and threw 13 touchdown passes with just five interceptions. The improved passing, along with his speed and elusiveness as a runner, make Taylor one of the most dangerous QBs in the ACC.

Taylor has two excellent returning targets in junior wide receivers Jarrett Boykin and Danny Coale, who both averaged more than 20 yards per catch last season. And the Hokies' backfield depth is nothing short of incredible.

Williams and Evans are listed as co-starters atop the depth chart. Williams has breakaway speed, and Evans is a strong, inside-the-tackles back who's packing even more of a punch after adding about 10 pounds.

"I kind of like the weight," Evans says. "It's bringing me more of that edge because I've been labeled as a power back. So it's given me some weight and I don't think it's slowed me down. I actually believe it's helping me out."

Virginia Tech's offensive line should be solid, too, with starters returning at tackle in Blake DeChristopher, at guard in Jaymes Brooks and at center in Beau Warren. So the Hokies have a chance to have one of their most productive offenses in Beamer's tenure.

The defense loses a lot, though. Junior inside linebacker Barquell Rivers, who ranked second on the team with 96 tackles, is the only player back on the front seven who started more than eight games as the Hokies went 10-3 in 2009. But he's coming back from surgery in March to repair his left quadriceps tendon, which will keep him out five to six months.

Senior cornerback Rashad Carmichael, who intercepted six passes in 2009, is the only player back in the secondary who started more than four games last season.

The coaching staff did some shifting in the spring to fill the holes, moving Jake Johnson from linebacker to defensive end, James Hopper from cornerback to rover safety and Lorenzo Williams from safety to "whip" linebacker.

On special teams, senior Brian Saunders—who's practiced some at QB for the Hokies—has the inside track on the punting job. Justin Myer, Cody Journell and Chris Hazley are among the many players competing for kicking duties.

RECRUITING REPORT

Frank Beamer and Virginia Tech quietly put together a top-25 class in 2010. The Hokies filled needs across the board with 20 commitments.

Laurence Gibson, the No. 2 prep school prospect in the nation out of Hargrave Military Academy, is the most highly touted recruit in the class. The massive tackle has good feet for his 6-6 frame. He has the chance to be a major cog in the Virginia Tech offense for years to come.

Gibson was just one in an impressive haul on the offensive line for the Hokies. Virginia Tech signed five offensive linemen, including four-star standout **Mark Shuman** (brother of former Hokies player Ryan Shuman).

With Tyrod Taylor's impending departure after this season, Virginia Tech filled a critical need at quarterback with **Mark Leal** and **Ricardo Young.** Both fit the Hokies' need for a dual-threat QB with good arm strength and accuracy. Both, however, will likely need some time to bulk up.

Coordinator Bud Foster's defense added plenty of speed and size, most notably speedy rush end **Zack McCray,** massive tackle **Nick Acree** and versatile defensive back **Nick Dew,** who could move to linebacker.

—Mike Farrell, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-3 ACC: 6-2
(beat Tennessee in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl, 37-14)

Coach: Frank Beamer, 24th year (187-92-2)
Career record: 229-115-4
Offensive coordinator:
Bryan Stinespring (5th year)
Defensive coordinator:
Bud Foster (16th year)

Stadium: Lane Stadium (65,115)
Tickets: 540-231-6731
Site: Blacksburg
Official athletic Web site:
www.hokiesports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Tyrod Taylor

GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
13	149.39	243-136-5	56.0	2311	13	177.8

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Ryan Williams	13	293	1655	5.6	21	127.3

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jarrett Boykin	13	40	835	20.9	5	64.2

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Barquell Rivers	13	34	62	96

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Steven Friday	12	3.5	15

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Rashad Carmichael	6	71	11.8	1

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	5	Tyrod Taylor (6-1, 217, Sr.)
	12	Ju-Ju Clayton (6-1, 218, So.)
FB	31	Kenny Younger (6-0, 235, Sr.)
	25	Josh Oglesby (5-11, 216, Jr.)
RB	34	Ryan Williams (5-10, 211, So.)
	32	Darren Evans (6-0, 223, Jr.)
LOT	54	Nick Becton (6-6, 307, So.)
	63	Laurence Gibson (6-4, 288, Fr.)
LOG	75	Greg Nosal (6-6, 278, Jr.)
	76	David Wang (6-1, 295, Fr.)
C	60	Beau Warren (6-3, 292, Sr.)
	67	Michael Via (6-7, 287, So.)
ROG	68	Jaymes Brooks (6-2, 298, Jr.)
	71	Vinston Painter (6-6, 317, So.)
ROT	62	Blake DeChristopher (6-5, 304, Jr.)
	72	Andrew Lanier (6-5, 291, Jr.)
TE	88	Andre Smith (6-5, 271, Sr.)
	87	Prince Parker (6-6, 264, Sr.)
WR	81	Jarrett Boykin (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	7	Marcus Davis (6-4, 234, So.)
WR	19	Danny Coale (6-0, 208, Jr.)
	11	Dyrell Roberts (6-2, 196, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	82	Steven Friday (6-4, 235, Sr.)
	42	J.R. Collins (6-2, 255, Fr.)
LDT	56	Antoine Hopkins (6-0, 296, So.)
	93	Kwamaine Battle (6-0, 297, Jr.)
RDT	91	John Graves (6-3, 283, Sr.)
	93	Kwamaine Battle (6-0, 297, Jr.)
RDE	33	Chris Drager (6-3, 260, Jr.)
	99	James Gayle (6-4, 246, Fr.)
SLB	43	Jeron Gouveia-Winslow (6-2, 210, So.)
	28	Alonzo Tweedy (6-2, 191, So.)
MLB	52	Barquell Rivers (6-0, 235, Jr.)
	51	Bruce Taylor (6-2, 252, So.)
WLB	39	Lyndell Gibson (5-11, 230, So.)
	24	Tariq Edwards (6-2, 224, Fr.)
LCB	17	Jayron Hosley (5-10, 172, So.)
	9	Cris Hill (5-11, 181, Jr.)
RCB	21	Rashad Carmichael (5-11, 190, Sr.)
	9	Cris Hill (5-11, 181, Jr.)
FS	15	Eddie Whitley (6-1, 191, Jr.)
	1	Antone Exum (5-11, 207, Fr.)
SS	2	Davon Morgan (6-0, 198, Sr.)
	26	James Hopper (5-9, 183, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	2	Chris Hazley (6-1, 192, Sr.)
P	30	Brian Saunders (6-0, 212, Sr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	VA TECH	OPP
SCORING	414	203
Points Per Game	31.8	15.6
FIRST DOWNS	232	194
Rushing	124	91
Passing	96	90
Penalty	12	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	2706	1669
Yards gained rushing	3086	2102
Yards lost rushing	380	433
Rushing Attempts	573	468
Average Per Rush	4.7	3.6
Average Per Game	208.2	128.4
TDs Rushing	33	10
PASSING YARDAGE	2391	2172
Att-Comp-Int	137-249-5	174-367-11
Average Per Pass	9.6	t
Average Per Catch	17.5	12.5
Average Per Game	183.9	167.1
TDs Passing	14	9
TOTAL OFFENSE	5097	3841
Total Plays	822	835
Average Per Play	6.2	4.6
Average Per Game	392.1	295.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	41-994	63-1274
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	24.2	20.2
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	34-368	22-172

TEAM STATISTICS	VA TECH	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	10.8	7.8
PUNT RETURN AVG.	11-80	5-29
INT RETURN AVG.	7.3	5.8
FUMBLES-LOST	19-10	23-13
PENALTIES-YARDS	75-634	80-611
Average Per Game	48.8	47.0
PUNTS-YARDS	7-2495	82-3374
Average Per Punt	43.8	41.1
Net punt average	37.6	35.4
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:21	29:38
3RD-DOWN CONV.	74/172	69/197
3rd-Down Pct.	43%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	4/12	8/17
4th-Down Pct.	33%	47%
SACKS BY-YARDS	36-273	31/183
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	51	20
FG-ATTEMPTS	20-23	21-23
PAT-ATTEMPTS	48-48	18-18
ATTENDANCE	397398	234254
Games/Avg Per Game	6/66233	5/46851
Neutral Site Games		2/74366

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Virginia Tech	60	83	48	114	305
Opponent	72	119	51	77	319

3 GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

TOP 25 PICK

JOSH NESBITT, QB

Georgia Tech's hopes for repeating as ACC champion now rest squarely on the shoulders of senior quarterback Josh Nesbitt.

Four players who would have been senior leaders on this team—running back Jonathan Dwyer, defensive end Derrick Morgan, wide receiver Demaryius Thomas and safety Morgan Burnett—left school early for the NFL draft.

But having Nesbitt back from the team that went 11-3 and played in the Orange Bowl last season gives the Yellow Jackets a good foundation. Nesbitt, who rushed for 1,037 yards in 2009, skillfully runs Georgia Tech's "flexbone" option attack under coach Paul Johnson.

Now, with so many talented teammates gone, Nesbitt has to be even more of a leader. He's ready for the role.

"I'm just going out there and being myself," he says, "just letting guys know they can count on me."

They will need to. Georgia Tech has to replace Dwyer, Thomas and three starting linemen from an offense that averaged an ACC-high 33.8 points per game last season.

Talented Anthony Allen is moving from A-back to B-back to take over for Dwyer, who rushed for 1,395 yards last season. With Allen, Nesbitt and All-ACC center Sean Bedford, the Yellow Jackets should be strong up the middle of the field—although the wide receiver position will be a question mark.

In an effort to improve a defense that gave up 24.8 points per game last season, Johnson has hired former Virginia head coach Al Groh to implement a 3-4 scheme. Although Groh's prickliness sometimes rubbed fans the wrong way at Virginia, no one doubts his intelligence or his ability to coach the 3-4.

"It's been a tough defense to play against, and they're looking really good out there (in practice)," Nesbitt says. "The way we move people around, it just confuses quarterbacks."

Linebacker Brad Jefferson, who led the team with 95 tackles last season, is one of eight returning starters on the defense. He should emerge as a leader on that side of the ball, along with cornerback Mario Butler and safety Mario Edwards.

Placekicker Scott Blair and punter Chandler Anderson also return, so the Yellow Jackets should be in good position on special teams. And if their production dips a bit on offense, their defense might improve enough to compensate.

A schedule that includes nonconference road games at Georgia and Kansas could be a challenge. But Georgia Tech has a quarterback who has taken the ball into his own hands to help win a conference title in the fourth quarter.

That's a valuable asset, especially when he is determined that the team can repeat.

"That's the way I was brought up," Nesbitt says. "I was brought up to never give in to a challenge."

THE NEXT BIG THING
SHAWN GREEN, DT

The freshman excels in clogging up the middle of the field and might have a chance to play early in first-year coordinator Al Groh's new 3-4 defense.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	South Carolina State	
S.11	@KANSAS	
S.18	@NORTH CAROLINA	24-7
S.25	N.C. State	
O.2	@WAKE FOREST	30-27 (OT)
O.9	Virginia	34-9
O.16	Middle Tennessee State	
O.23	@CLEMSON	39-34
GAME TO WATCH		
N.4	**@ VIRGINIA TECH**	**28-23**

The Hokies are tough on Thursday nights in Blacksburg and can avenge the loss that propelled Georgia Tech to the top of the Coastal Division last season.

N.13	Miami (Fla.)	17-33
N.20	Duke	49-10
N.27	@GEORGIA	24-30

BOWL PROJECTION

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QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 11-3 ACC: 7-1
(lost to Iowa in the Orange Bowl, 24-14)

Coach: Paul Johnson, 3rd year (20-7)
Career record: 127-46
Offensive coordinator: Paul Johnson (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Al Groh (1st year)

Stadium: Bobby Dodd Stadium (55,000)
Tickets: 888-TECH-TIX
Site: Atlanta
Official athletic Web site: www.ramblinwreck.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY
Conference Title · Bowl · National Title

BULLET POINTS

- Opposing defensive coordinators won't "catch up" with Tech's flexbone, especially with QB Josh Nesbitt still around.
- New coordinator Al Groh's 3-4 defense will give opponents fits like it did at UVA.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Josh Nesbitt (6-1, 218, Sr.)
FB	46	Preston Lyons (6-0, 189, Jr.)
RB	20	Roddy Jones (5-9, 198, Jr.)
RB	18	Anthony Allen (6-0, 239, Sr.)
LOT	75	Nick Claytor (6-6, 283, Jr.)
LOG	70	Joseph Gilbert (6-4, 288, So.)
C	79	Sean Bedford (6-1, 274, Sr.)
ROG	74	Zach Krish (6-5, 279, Sr.)
ROT	61	Phil Smith (6-6, 276, So.)
WR	81	Zach Fisher (6-2, 193, So.)
WR	84	Tyler Melton (6-0, 208, Jr.)

DEFENSE

DE	92	Jason Peters (6-4, 272, So.)
NT	96	Logan Walls (6-2, 290, Jr.)
DE	94	Izaan Cross (6-4, 250, Fr.)
OLB	41	Anthony Egbuniwe (6-4, 250, Sr.)
ILB	51	Brad Jefferson (6-2, 242, Sr.)
ILB	34	Steven Sylvester (6-2, 245, Jr.)
OLB	12	Anthony Barnes (6-3, 243, Sr.)
LCB	2	Mario Butler (6-1, 180, Sr.)
RCB	37	Jerrard Tarrant (6-0, 204, Jr.)
FS	33	Mario Edwards (6-1, 217, Sr.)
SS	38	Jemea Thomas (5-10, 189, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	14	Scott Blair (6-0, 174, Sr.)
P	85	Chandler Anderson (6-1, 191, Jr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Anthony Williams
DE, 6-4, 235
Rated as the No. 13 weakside end in the nation, Williams hustles and has shown the ability to rush the quarterback.

2
Louis Young
CB, 6-0, 185
A big, physical and aggressive cornerback, Young is tough in bump coverage. He has impressive ability to jam receivers at the line.

3
Denzel McCoy
DT, 6-4, 275
McCoy fills a critical need in the defense, providing a big presence in the middle with his 6-4, 275-pound frame.

4
Barry Bostic
ATH, 5-10, 156
A versatile athlete, Bostic is on the small side but plays bigger. He could either be a corner or slot receiver.

5
Ryan Ayers
CB, 5-10, 175
An Under Armour All-American, Ayers has outstanding speed and is very good at reading the quarterback's eyes.

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NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	LSU*	

The Tar Heels will showcase their defensive talent and try to make a statement for the ACC in a highly anticipated game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

S.18	Georgia Tech	7-24
S.25	@RUTGERS	
O.2	East Carolina	31-17
O.9	Clemson	
O.16	@VIRGINIA	3-16
O.23	@MIAMI (FL)	33-24
O.30	William & Mary	
N.6	@FLORIDA STATE	27-30
N.13	Virginia Tech	20-17
N.20	N.C. State	27-28
N.27	@DUKE	19-6

** at Atlanta*

BOWL PROJECTION

SUN BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- With five potential NFL first-rounders, UNC's D is arguably the country's best.
- Senior T.J. Yates must produce early or be replaced by promising freshman Bryn Renner.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	13	T.J. Yates (6-4, 220, Sr.)
FB	45	Devon Ramsay (6-2, 245, Jr.)
RB	20	Shaun Draughn (6-0, 210, Sr.)
LOT	71	Carl Gaskins (6-5, 300, Jr.)
LOG	70	Alan Pelc (6-6, 325, Sr.)
C	64	Jonathan Cooper (6-3, 295, So.)
ROG	76	Travis Bond (6-7, 320, So.)
ROT	66	Mike Ingersoll (6-5, 300, Sr.)
TE	17	Zack Pianalto (6-4, 255, Sr.)
WR	8	Greg Little (6-3, 215, Sr.)
WR	88	Erik Highsmith (6-3, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	90	Quinton Coples (6-6, 275, Jr.)
LDT	9	Marvin Austin (6-3, 305, Sr.)
RDT	91	Tydreke Powell (6-3, 300, Jr.)
RDE	42	Robert Quinn (6-5, 270, Jr.)
SLB	54	Bruce Carter (6-3, 230, Sr.)
MLB	48	Kevin Reddick (6-3, 230, So.)
WLB	52	Quan Sturdivant (6-2, 235, Sr.)
LCB	12	Charles Brown (5-10, 205, Sr.)
RCB	16	Kendric Burney (5-9, 190, Sr.)
FS	27	Deunta Williams (6-2, 210, Sr.)
SS	21	Da'Norris Searcy (6-0, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	11	Casey Barth (5-11, 180, Jr.)
P	39	Grant Schallock (6-7, 225, Jr.)

Sporting News All-American

T.J. YATES, QB

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 ACC: 4-4
(lost to Pittsburgh in the Meineke Car Care Bowl, 19-17)

Coach: Butch Davis, 4th year (20-18)
Career record: 71-38
Offensive coordinator: John Shoop (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Everett Withers (3rd year)

Stadium: Kenan Memorial Stadium (60,000)
Tickets: 800-722-HEEL
Site: Chapel Hill
Official athletic Web site: www.tarheelblue.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

If you didn't know better, you would have thought North Carolina was a "football school" this spring.

The Tar Heels' basketball team didn't make the NCAA tournament, and an announced crowd of 29,500 showed up for North Carolina's spring football game, which was televised by ESPN.

"They filled up doggone near half the stadium," defensive tackle Marvin Austin recalls. "And I don't think that's ever been done in the history of the university for a spring game. People are very excited about football here."

In coach Butch Davis' fourth season, UNC has the talent on defense to match that excitement. In Austin, end Robert Quinn, linebackers Quan Sturdivant and Bruce Carter and safety Deunta Williams, the Tar Heels have five players with first-round NFL draft potential in 2011.

So a defense that gave up just 17.1 points per game in 2009, second best in the ACC, should get even better.

But North Carolina's offense could be a problem again, starting with the quarterback position. Senior T.J. Yates has passed for 5,939 yards in his career, but threw more interceptions (15) than TD passes last season and often overthrew open receivers.

Although Davis values Yates' experience, redshirt freshman Bryn Renner has a chance to unseat him in the fall.

"We won't determine who the starting quarterback is going to be until probably 10 days out from the first game," Davis says. "T.J. has earned the opportunity to be the guy who wins the job or loses the job, and I think Bryn has put himself in position to unbelievably push and compete for the job or significant playing time."

The Tar Heels have experience in the backfield in Shaun Draughn, Ryan Houston and Johnny White, but none of them have been spectacular. Better production from an offensive line that returns four starters, including standout guard Alan Pelc, could help the running game, though.

And capable pass catchers such as wideout Greg Little and tight end Zack Pianalto may take some of the pressure off Yates. If they can, this team could be outstanding because the defense should be excellent.

There's not a better way to start a defensive line than with Austin and Quinn (11 sacks)—although the Tar Heels have to fill in some of the positions around them. The speed of Carter and Sturdivant as the outside linebackers makes it difficult to run wide on North Carolina, and Kevin Reddick strengthened the defense in the middle late last season.

A strong defensive backfield is led by Williams (12 career INTs) and cornerback Kendric Burney, who were both All-ACC selections last season.

THE NEXT BIG THING
BRYN RENNER, QB

The redshirt freshman has the strong arm and mobility you'd expect from a first baseman and outfielder on the UNC baseball team, and has a chance to unseat senior T.J. Yates in fall camp.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — James Hurst
OT, 6-5, 284
The No. 32 prospect in the nation has incredibly long arms and the kind of nasty streak you need in an elite offensive lineman.

2 — Brandon Willis
DE, 6-3, 255
Willis is a tremendous tackler with a nonstop motor and the ability to split double teams.

3 — Giovanni Bernard
RB, 5-9, 198
Bernard has good size and outstanding speed. In fact, some believe he was the top tailback in Florida.

4 — T.J. Leifheit
OT, 6-7, 300
Leifheit, a top-30 tackle who could play right tackle or even guard, has a massive frame with long arms and excellent strength.

5 — Russell Bodine
OL, 6-3, 285
A perfect fit at center with his frame, Bodine has outstanding footwork and strength. He plays to the whistle and has a nasty streak.

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5 VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

Defensive tackle Nick Jenkins says Virginia's players have never had so much fun.

Mike London, a fiery ball of energy who has taken over for the fired Al Groh as the Cavaliers' coach, has brought excitement and enthusiasm to a team that suffered through a 3-9 season in 2009.

"It's been nothing but positive since the day he walked in," Jenkins says. "Everything now is 110 miles an hour. He's just such an upbeat guy."

London, the former Richmond coach, has been known to sprint down the field to congratulate defensive players who return interceptions for touchdowns in practice. In a move that could pay dividends in the critical Hampton Roads (Va.) recruiting area, London held a spring practice session at Old Dominion University.

A crowd of 3,000 showed up, and London spent most of the day grinning from ear to ear.

"We're trying to cultivate our fan base; get them back, get them behind us again," London says.

It will take more than passion to turn around this team, though, and the Cavaliers face questions in some key areas. Marc Verica, a senior who threw 16 interceptions with eight touchdown passes in 2008, is the likely starter at quarterback.

London wants to build his offense around a physical running game and will have to count on inexperienced backs to do it. The Cavaliers will likely work as a backfield by committee, with physical Dominique Wallace being the power back and Perry Jones and Torrey Mack serving as speed backs.

Virginia should be solid on the offensive and defensive lines. Guards Austin Pasztor and B.J. Cabbell and tackle Landon Bradley return as starters on the offensive line, which will benefit from a move back to a smash-mouth style after the spread offense that was a poor fit last season.

On defense, starters return at tackle (Jenkins and Matt Conrath) and on the ends (Cam Johnson). They will adjust—along with a linebacker group led by promising sophomore Steve Greer—to the 4-3 alignment London prefers after playing in a 3-4 scheme under Groh.

London says the moves Virginia is making will increase the team's speed on defense. A quality group of defensive backs, led by cornerback Ras-I Dowling, should prevent opponents from making big plays. The Cavaliers also have dependable specialists back in punter Jimmy Howell and placekicker Robert Randolph.

If London can get the ground game going and rely on his defense and special teams, Virginia has a chance to improve on last year's record and keep the new coach's enthusiasm building.

THE NEXT BIG THING
MORGAN MOSES, OG

Moses, a freshman coming in after prepping at Fork Union Military Academy, is huge (6-7, 347 pounds) and could make an immediate impact on the running game.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-9 ACC: 2-6

Coach: Mike London, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Bill Lazor (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Jim Reid (1st year)

Stadium: Scott Stadium (61,500)
Tickets: 800-542-UVAI
Site: Charlottesville
Official athletic Web site: www.virginiasports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	Richmond	

Mike London's first game with his new team will come against his old team, which he left in excellent shape to pull off the upset.

S.11	@USC	
S.25	VMI	
O.2	Florida State	
O.9	@GEORGIA TECH	9-34
O.16	North Carolina	16-3
O.23	Eastern Michigan	
O.30	Miami (Fla.)	17-52
N.6	@DUKE	17-28
N.13	Maryland	20-9
N.20	@BOSTON COLLEGE	10-14
N.27	@VIRGINIA TECH	13-42

BULLET POINTS

- The move back to a smash-mouth offense will benefit the Cavaliers' O-line.
- Marc Verica is experienced and smart, but the defense will have to play well for UVA to win with such an unproven QB.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	6	Marc Verica (6-3, 210, Sr.)
RB	25	Torrey Mack (6-0, 190, So.)
LOT	67	Landon Bradley (6-7, 275, So.)
LOG	63	Austin Pasztor (6-7, 315, Jr.)
C	68	Anthony Mihota (6-4, 275, Jr.)
ROG	65	B.J. Cabbell (6-6, 305, Sr.)
ROT	71	Matt Mihalik (6-7, 295, So.)
TE	83	Joe Torchia (6-6, 250, Sr.)
TE	89	Colter Phillips (6-6, 245, So.)
WR	18	Kris Burd (5-11, 190, Jr.)
WR	84	Jared Green (6-2, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	92	Zane Parr (6-6, 275, Jr.)
LDT	96	Nick Jenkins (6-3, 285, Jr.)
RDT	94	Matt Conrath (6-7, 270, Jr.)
RDE	56	Cam Johnson (6-4, 255, Jr.)
SLB	53	Steve Greer (6-2, 225, So.)
MLB	39	Tucker Windle (6-3, 220, So.)
WLB	55	Jared Detrick (6-1, 235, Sr.)
LCB	13	Chase Minnifield (6-0, 185, Jr.)
RCB	19	Ras-I Dowling (6-2, 200, Sr.)
FS	28	Rodney McLeod (5-10, 185, Jr.)
SS	40	Corey Mosley (5-10, 200, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	3	Robert Randolph (5-10, 160, Jr.)
P	8	Jimmy Howell (6-6, 238, Jr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Morgan Moses
OL, 6-7, 347
Moses is a massive lineman who could play either tackle position or guard.

2
Kevin Parks Jr.
RB, 5-7, 193
An incredibly productive tailback in the North Carolina prep ranks, Parks has great power and balance.

3
Michael Strauss
QB, 6-3, 208
Coach Mike London may have solved his problem at QB with the addition of Strauss from Miami Gulliver Prep.

4
Pablo Alvarez
ATH, 6-3, 190
A versatile athlete from Miami, Alvarez has good size in the defensive backfield, but can also cover a lot of ground.

5
Henry Coley
LB, 6-2, 230
Coley is aggressive and quick with good strength; a reliable tackler in the middle who should provide leadership.

COURTESY VIRGINIA MEDIA RELATIONS

DUKE BLUE DEVILS 6

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Elon	
S.11	@WAKE FOREST	34-45
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**Alabama**	

Duke won't defeat the defending national champs, but insisting on playing at home rather than at a neutral site shows the school is serious about building its fan base.

S.25	Army	35-19
O.2	@MARYLAND	17-13
O.16	Miami (Fla.)	16-34
O.23	@VIRGINIA TECH	26-34
O.30	@NAVY	
N.6	Virginia	28-17
N.13	Boston College	
N.20	@GEORGIA TECH	10-49
N.27	North Carolina	6-19

DONOVAN VARNER, WR

David Cutcliffe has accomplished a lot in two seasons as Duke's football coach.

His nine wins over those two campaigns (including a 5-7 record in 2009) exceeded the Blue Devils' total for the previous five years before he arrived.

And, in a stunning move, Cutcliffe declined an opportunity after last season to return to his coaching roots at Tennessee in order to stay at Duke.

"This shows that he practices what he preaches," Blue Devils running back Jay Hollingsworth says. "He talks about commitment, and he is committed to this program."

Nonetheless, it won't be easy for Cutcliffe to continue his program's momentum this season. Quarterback Thaddeus Lewis, the school-record holder with 10,065 career passing yards, is gone. So are five starters from the 2009 defense.

One thing about the team's personality that Cutcliffe wants to change is its ability to rush the passer, particularly off the edge, and that won't be easy with standout tackle Vince Oghobaase and end Ayanga Okpokowuruk gone. The Blue Devils had just 19 sacks last season, 11th in the ACC.

End Patrick Egboh and nose guard Charlie Hatcher will figure prominently in Cutcliffe's pass-rush plans. At linebacker, Duke returns starters Abraham Kromah and Damian Thornton, who will move from the outside to the middle to replace departed second-team All-ACC selection Vinny Rey.

Cutcliffe is encouraged by the secondary, where safety Matt Daniels (83 tackles last season) and cornerback Chris Rwabukamba are back, and multitalented Johnny Williams has moved from wide receiver to cornerback.

Williams' move from wideout illustrates the depth Duke has at that position. Austin Kelly, Donovan Varner and Conner Vernon all caught at least 50 passes last season.

The Blue Devils also have reliable pass catchers at tight end in Brett Huffman and Brandon King.

Duke's offensive line should be a position of strength, too. Starters Kyle Hill, Mitchell Lederman, Brian Moore and Bryan Morgan all return.

But the backfield is a huge question mark. Sophomore quarterback Sean Renfree came off the bench to lead Duke to a comeback win over Army last year, but is still a first-year starter and missed most of spring practice while recovering from a knee injury. Duke has its three top rushers returning in Desmond Scott, Hollingsworth and Patrick Kurunwune, but averaged an abysmal 63.5 rushing yards per game last season.

Punter Kevin Jones and placekicker Will Snyderwine are back on a special teams unit that has become a strength for Duke under Cutcliffe after years of floundering under predecessor Ted Roof.

BULLET POINTS

- Cutcliffe's reputation as an offensive coach will be tested with first-year starter Renfree at QB and no proven rusher.
- Duke's coaches want to pressure the QB, but may not have the talent to do so.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	19	Sean Renfree (6-3, 210, So.)
RB	33	Desmond Scott (5-10, 185, So.)
LOT	79	Kyle Hill (6-6, 285, Jr.)
LOG	67	Mitchell Lederman (6-7, 305, Sr.)
C	62	Bryan Morgan (6-3, 255, Sr.)
ROG	68	Brian Moore (6-3, 275, So.)
ROT	71	Jon Needham (6-7, 305, Jr.)
TE	87	Brett Huffman (6-4, 240, Sr.)
WR	83	Austin Kelly (6-2, 200, Sr.)
WR	26	Donovan Varner (5-9, 170, Jr.)
WR	2	Conner Vernon (6-2, 195, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	90	Patrick Egboh (6-5, 245, Sr.)
LDT	82	Sydney Sarmiento (6-4, 265, Fr.)
RDT	93	Charlie Hatcher (6-3, 285, Jr.)
RDE	41	Eriks Reks (6-5, 230, Jr.)
SLB	39	Adam Banks (6-3, 235, Sr.)
MLB	56	Damian Thornton (6-2, 240, Sr.)
WLB	8	Abraham Kromah (6-1, 225, Sr.)
LCB	1	Zach Greene (5-10, 170, So.)
RCB	16	Chris Rwabukamba (5-10, 175, Sr.)
FS	20	Lee Butler (5-10, 185, Jr.)
SS	40	Matt Daniels (6-1, 200, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	96	Will Snyderwine (5-11, 185, Jr.)
P	49	Kevin Jones (6-2, 200, Sr.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 ACC: 3-5

Coach: David Cutcliffe, 3rd year (9-15)
Career record: 53-44
Offensive coordinators: Matt Luke (3rd year), Kurt Roper (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Marion Hobby (3rd year)

Stadium: Wallace Wade Stadium (33,941)
Tickets: 877-375-DUKE
Site: Durham, N.C.
Official athletic Web site: www.goduke.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Takoby Cofield
OT, 6-6, 289
Cofield has good flexibility and a large frame. He gets out of his stance very fast and moves well laterally.

2
Joshua Snead
ATH, 5-9, 168
Snead is a bit undersized, but brings tremendous speed and versatility to the table.

3
Laken Tomlinson
OG, 6-4, 285
A top-30 guard, Tomlinson provides the Blue Devils a big frame inside with solid strength.

4
Kelby Brown
LB, 6-2, 210
With good size and excellent speed, Brown is a reliable tackler and good in pursuit with a nonstop motor.

5
Juwan Thompson
RB, 5-11, 205
Thompson is a huge, physical back from Georgia who will move the chains for Duke and allow the offense to wear down opponents.

THE NEXT BIG THING
JOSH SNEAD, RB

The highly recruited freshman, a small (5-9, 180 pounds) and speedy rusher who enrolled early, participated in spring practice and could help at a position of need.

COURTESY DUKE SPORTS INFORMATION

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

BIG EAST

STOCK REPORT ↑ UP ↓ DOWN ↔ STEADY

1 ↑ Pittsburgh
2 ↔ West Virginia
3 ↔ Connecticut
4 ↔ Cincinnati
5 ↔ Rutgers
6 ↓ South Florida
7 ↑ Louisville
8 ↑ Syracuse

RATING THE BIG EAST

Fastest Receiver
Jock Sanders, West Virginia

Best Hands
Jon Baldwin, WR, Pittsburgh

Best Passing QB
Tom Savage, Rutgers

Best Running QB
B.J. Daniels, South Florida

Most Elusive RB
Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh

Best Instincts
Noel Devine, RB, West Virginia

Best Athlete
Mohamed Sanu, WR, Rutgers

Best Under Pressure
Zach Collaros, QB, Cincinnati

Top NFL Prospect
Greg Romeus, DE, Pittsburgh

Top Impact Freshman
Todd Chandler, DT, South Florida

Hardest Hitter
Robert Sands, FS, West Virginia

Biggest Underachiever
D.C. Jefferson, TE, Rutgers

Best Interview
Skip Holtz, South Florida

Best Coach
Randy Edsall, Connecticut

Best Recruiter
Greg Schiano, Rutgers

Worst Road Trip
West Virginia

Once given up for dead, Big East is now must-see TV

By Pete Williams, *Correspondent*

Anyone looking for dynasties, perennial powers and continuity among players and coaching staffs should look anywhere but the Big East. No league provides more turnover and fast-changing plot lines, which makes it arguably the most exciting conference in college football.

Four of the eight teams employ a head coach in his first or second season. Brian Kelly, who won the last two conference titles at Cincinnati, left for Notre Dame. While in South Bend, he might discover, like Bobby Petrino and Rich Rodriguez before him, that the Big East gig he left behind might have been more attractive.

It speaks volumes about how far the Big East has come that Cincinnati and West Virginia could be considered as prestigious as Notre Dame and Michigan. No longer is the conference considered the fluky recipient of a BCS bowl bid. Instead, it's the exciting, unpredictable, must-see weeknight TV starring teams nobody wants to risk scheduling.

If it's not Pittsburgh, Rutgers and West Virginia becoming powers in the northeast, it's South Florida emerging as a thorn in the side of the Big Three in the Sunshine State. If Florida, Miami and Florida State coaches worry about Big East teams poaching talent from their state now, how will they feel once former Gators defensive coordinator Charlie Strong gets rolling in Louisville?

Think how scary the Big East might be once the teams reload with long-term quarterbacks. Entering spring practice, the only team with a signal-caller who started all of last season was Rutgers, which played top recruit Tom Savage as a true freshman.

In 2009, six of the league's eight teams finished with a record of 8-5 or better, which is impressive considering Big East teams played tough nonleague schedules and went 4-2 in bowl games.

The Big East is known for its parity, but this season it may be the best it's ever been now that coach Doug Marrone has Syracuse fans optimistic for the first time in years and Strong is looking to return Louisville to the national powerhouse it was four seasons ago under Petrino.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP By Mike Farrell, *Rivals.com*

1. WEST VIRGINIA The Mountaineers signed only 20 prospects, but there are quality players, such as receivers Deon Long and Ivan McCartney.
2. PITTSBURGH The Panthers got plenty of talent at the offensive skill positions, as well as ends T.J. Clemmings and Bryan Murphy on defense.
3. LOUISVILLE Charlie Strong showed his recruiting skills, bringing in a quality class in short order. Florida wide receiver Michaelee Harris and Ohio athlete Dominique Brown are big-time talents.
4. CINCINNATI Coaching changes can hurt recruiting efforts, but the Bearcats managed to reel in some talent despite the loss of Brian Kelly to Notre Dame. Wide receivers Dyjuan Lewis and Kenbrell Thompkins are the gems of this class.
5. SOUTH FLORIDA The Bulls didn't need a huge haul, but there are some potential stars in Tampa cornerback Terrence Mitchell and Miami defensive tackle Todd Chandler.
6. RUTGERS This wasn't Greg Schiano's best class, but the Scarlet Knights did address some needs. Maryland wide receiver Greg Coleman and cornerback Rashad Knight were key late signings.
7. SYRACUSE This incoming class won't enjoy a lofty ranking, but recruiting improved for Syracuse this year. There are some quality linebackers, led by Marquis Spruill of Fork Union and Pittsburgh running back Dom Timbers.
8. CONNECTICUT Once again, the Huskies found some players they hope will fit into their system, which is how they've been successful in recent years. There isn't a headliner in this group, but three quality defensive backs may prove to be the most important additions.

ALL-BIG EAST

OFFENSE
QB › Tom Savage, So., Rutgers
RB › Noel Devine, Sr., West Virginia
RB › Dion Lewis, So., Pittsburgh
OL › Jason Pinkston, Sr., Pittsburgh
OL › Zach Hurd, Sr., Connecticut
OL › Jason Kelce, Sr., Cincinnati
OL › Samson Genus, Sr., South Florida
OL › Alex Hoffman, Jr., Cincinnati
TE › Ben Guidugli, Sr., Cincinnati
WR › Jon Baldwin, Jr., Pittsburgh
WR › Armon Binns, Sr., Cincinnati

DEFENSE
DL › Greg Romeus, Sr., Pittsburgh
DL › Chris Neild, Sr., West Virginia
DL › Greg Lloyd, Sr., Connecticut
DL › Scott Vallone, So., Rutgers
LB › Lawrence Wilson, Sr., Connecticut
LB › J.T. Thomas, Sr., West Virginia
LB › Derrell Smith, Sr., Syracuse
DB › Brandon Hogan, Sr., West Virginia
DB › Johnny Patrick, Sr., Louisville
DB › Robert Sands, Jr., West Virginia
DB › Dom DeCicco, Sr., Pittsburgh

SPECIALISTS
K › Tyler Bitancurt, So., West Virginia
P › Rob Long, Sr., Syracuse

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1 Despite the lack of experienced quarterbacks throughout the league, the Big East will get big performances from Tom Savage, B.J. Daniels, Zach Collaros and Geno Smith.

2 After winning at Florida State last year, South Florida will give Urban Meyer and Florida a scare in Gainesville before coming up short.

3 Charlie Strong will quickly establish himself as the league's best recruiter, returning to the Sunshine State frequently to lure top talent to Louisville.

4 After coming so close to sending a team to a BCS title game in recent seasons, the Big East will send either Pittsburgh or West Virginia this year.

ASCENDING

SYRACUSE ▸ Baby steps for the Orange, who won four games in 2009 and have the talent under new coach Doug Marrone to be better in 2010.

DESCENDING

SOUTH FLORIDA ▸ The long-term outlook under Skip Holtz is promising, but the Bulls will take a step back for a year or two while Holtz rebuilds the program in his image.

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1 PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

TOP 25 PICK

JONATHAN BALDWIN, WR

BULLET POINTS

- Junior Pat Bostick and sophomore Tino Sunseri will battle to succeed Bill Stull at quarterback.
- Replacing the tight end duo that was perhaps the nation's best in 2009 will be a daunting task.
- Junior WR Jon Baldwin may depart for the NFL after another monster season.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	@UTAH	
S.11	New Hampshire	
S.23	Miami (FL)	
O.2	Florida International	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	@NOTRE DAME	27-22

The Panthers would like to help ruin Brian Kelly's Notre Dame debut season after his Cincinnati team ended Pitt's Big East title hopes in 2009.

O.16	@SYRACUSE	37-10
O.23	Rutgers	24-17
O.30	Louisville	35-10
N.11	@CONNECTICUT	24-21
N.20	@SOUTH FLORIDA	41-14
N.26	West Virginia	16-19
D.4	@CINCINNATI	44-45

BOWL PROJECTION

FIESTA BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
DAN MASON, MLB

A four-star recruit in 2009, Mason played in every game as a true freshman and could become the Panthers' fourth straight all-conference middle linebacker.

Coaches have been fired after winning more games than the 16 victories Dave Wannstedt managed in his first three seasons at his alma mater. But after winning 10 in 2009, the former NFL coach was rewarded with a two-year contract extension that will keep him with the Panthers until 2014.

It helped that Pitt won its first bowl game since 2002 (over North Carolina in the Meineke Car Care Bowl), which served as consolation for heartbreaking losses to West Virginia and Cincinnati following a 9-1 start. It also helped that Wannstedt's early recruiting classes have begun to bear fruit.

This year's Panthers should contend for a Big East title because of two of Wannstedt's biggest recruits. Dion Lewis stepped in last season to fill the void left by LeSean McCoy, rushing for 1,799 yards and 17 touchdowns as a true freshman. The 5-8 sparkplug drew comparisons to Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett while garnering honors for Big East Offensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year.

Wideout Jonathan Baldwin has dominated Big East competition, hauling in 57 catches for 1,111 yards and eight TDs last season. He could become the third Panther to win the Biletnikoff Award, following Antonio Bryant and Larry Fitzgerald.

At 6-5, Baldwin is a huge target with a big vertical leap. He's also a deep threat, having hauled in touchdown catches of 79 and 71 yards last season. Mike Shanahan projects as the other starter after a promising freshman season.

Like most everyone else in the Big East, the Panthers have an unsettled quarterback situation following the departure of all-conference performer Bill Stull. Junior Pat Bostick, who redshirted last season, has made nine

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starts. Sophomore Tino Sunseri played sparingly as Stull's backup, but is thought to have greater upside.

Pitt fielded the nation's best pair of tight ends last season in graduated stars Nate Byham and Dorin Dickerson. Sophomores Mike Cruz and Justin Virbitsky return, along with Virginia transfer Andrew Devlin and redshirt freshman Brock DeCicco, a former prep All-American.

Pitt's offensive line will attempt to produce a 1,000-yard rusher for a fourth consecutive season. Senior Jason Pinkston, an All-Big East selection, and junior Lucas Nix return at tackles, though the other three spots are up for grabs.

Junior Chris Jacobson made a surprise start at left guard during the bowl game and appears ready for a full-time gig. Senior Alex Karabin will look to seize the center position after spending two years on special teams.

Pitt led the nation in sacks (47) last fall, with the defensive line responsible for 37. The Panthers return one of the nation's better end combos in Greg Romeus and Jabaal Sheard, who shared the 2009 Big East Defensive Player of the Year award.

Junior Myles Caragein (5 sacks) projects as the starting nose tackle. Junior Chas Alecxih (4) figures to be the other starting tackle.

Pitt has fielded an all-conference middle linebacker for five straight seasons (H.B. Blades, Scott McKillop, Adam Gunn), and Dan Mason could join them. He played in every game as a true freshman in '09.

Greg Williams is a three-year starter at strongside linebacker, and Max Gruder is back beside him at the weak side after leading the team with 91 tackles as a junior.

At 6-3 and 230 pounds, safety Dom DeCicco (88 tackles, 3 INTs) has the size of a linebacker. At the other safety spot, Jarred Holley stepped into the starting lineup when Andrew Taglianetti sustained a season-ending knee injury. Taglianetti took a medical redshirt and is expected to be at full strength by August. Ricky Gary, Antwuan Reed and junior college transfer Saheed Imoru are the leading candidates to fill the cornerback spots vacated by Jovani Chappel and all-conference performer Aaron Berry.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Panthers have one of the top recruiting staffs in the Big East, along with one of the top talent bases. Those are two of the reasons Pitt was able to put together one of the league's best classes yet again in 2010.

Not surprisingly, most of Pitt's recruits hail from states bordering the Eastern Seaboard. Of the 24 prospects who signed, 10 are from Pennsylvania, five from Ohio and four from New Jersey. Coach Dave Wannstedt went as far west as Texas and as far south as Virginia to fill out the class.

Defensive ends **T.J. Clemmings** and **Bryan Murphy** are the Nos. 2 and 3 prospects in New Jersey, respectively. Both are physically mature for their age.

Cleveland St. Ignatius quarterback **Mark Myers** is a pro-style passer and a four-star prospect. He did a great job of taking care of the football during his high school career. At 6-4 and 220 pounds, he has prototypical size and could be an NFL prospect one day.

At 6-3 and 216 pounds, wide receiver **Todd Thomas** is the best skill-position prospect in the class. He's very strong for a player of his size, and a year at Milford Academy in New York has helped him develop into a college-ready player who could make an early impact.

Thomas is joined by four other quality receivers from Pennsylvania. The Panthers are hoping their trio of running backs can help provide depth behind Dion Lewis, the star of the 2009 class. **Derrick Burns** and **Andre Givens** are the two most highly touted incoming backs.

—Mike Farrell, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-3 BIG EAST: 5-2
(beat North Carolina in the Meineke Car Care Bowl, 19-17)

Coach: Dave Wannstedt, 6th year (35-26)
Career record: 35-26
Offensive coordinator:
Frank Cignetti Jr. (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator:
Phil Bennett (3rd year)

Stadium: Heinz Field (65,050)
Tickets: 412-648-PITT
Site: Pittsburgh
Official athletic Web site:
www.pittsburghpanthers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Tino Sunseri	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	4	153.98	17-10-0	58.8	114	2	28.5

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Dion Lewis	13	325	1799	5.5	17	138.4

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jonathan Baldwin	13	57	1111	19.5	8	85.5

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Max Gruder	13	56	35	91

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Greg Romeus	13	8	41

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Dom DeCicco	3	-3	-1.0	0
Jarred Holley	3	6	2.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Tino Sunseri (6-2, 210, So.)
	19	Pat Bostick (6-3, 225, Jr.)
FB	27	Henry Hynoski (6-2, 260, Jr.)
	37	Joe Capp (5-10, 240, Sr.)
RB	28	Dion Lewis (5-8, 195, So.)
	83	Hubie Graham (6-4, 245, Jr.)
LOT	77	Jason Pinkston (6-4, 305, Sr.)
	68	Jordan Gibbs (6-7, 295, Jr.)
LOG	54	Chris Jacobson (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	71	John Fieger (6-6, 290, Jr.)
C	61	Alex Karabin (6-1, 290, Sr.)
	60	Greg Gaskins (6-4, 285, Jr.)
ROG	75	Ryan Turnley (6-6, 305, So.)
	68	Jordan Gibbs (6-7, 295, Jr.)
ROT	52	Lucas Nix (6-6, 300, Jr.)
	60	Greg Gaskins (6-4, 285, Jr.)
TE	85	Mike Cruz (6-5, 270, So.)
	92	Justin Virbitsky (6-4, 265, So.)
WR	82	Jonathan Baldwin (6-5, 225, Jr.)
	3	Aaron Smith (6-0, 180, Jr.)
WR	87	Mike Shanahan (6-5, 220, So.)
	5	Cameron Saddler (5-7, 170, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	97	Jabaal Sheard (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	46	Shayne Hale (6-4, 250, So.)
LDT	98	Chas Alecxih (6-5, 275, Jr.)
	96	Justin Hargrove (6-4, 265, Jr.)
RDT	94	Myles Caragein (6-2, 275, Jr.)
	45	Tyler Tkach (6-3, 280, Sr.)
RDE	91	Greg Romeus (6-5, 270, Sr.)
	35	Brandon Lindsey (6-2, 240, Jr.)
SLB	38	Greg Williams (6-3, 240, Jr.)
	32	Tristan Roberts (6-1, 235, Jr.)
MLB	40	Dan Mason (6-0, 225, So.)
	58	Shane Gordon (6-1, 225, Fr.)
WLB	55	Max Gruder (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	36	Manny Williams (6-1, 225, So.)
LCB	26	Ricky Gary (5-9, 175, Sr.)
	2	Saheed Imoru (5-10, 190, Jr.)
RCB	22	Antwuan Reed (5-10, 190, Jr.)
	21	Buddy Jackson (6-1, 180, Jr.)
FS	18	Jarred Holley (5-10, 175, So.)
	41	Andrew Taglianetti (5-11, 190, So.)
SS	31	Dom DeCicco (6-3, 230, Sr.)
	25	Jason Hendricks (6-0, 190, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	30	Dan Hutchins (5-11, 190, Sr.)
P	30	Dan Hutchins (5-11, 190, Sr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP
SCORING	417	257
Points Per Game	32.1	19.8
FIRST DOWNS	249	239
Rushing	113	89
Passing	121	119
Penalty	15	31
RUSHING YARDAGE	2344	1382
Yards gained rushing	2579	1867
Yards lost rushing	235	485
Rushing Attempts	479	425
Average Per Rush	4.9	3.3
Average Per Game	180.3	106.3
TDs Rushing	25	12
PASSING YARDAGE	2747	2769
Att-Comp-Int	219-338-8	234-411-15
Average Per Pass	8.1	6.7
Average Per Catch	12.5	11.8
Average Per Game	211.3	213.0
TDs Passing	23	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	5091	4151
Total Plays	817	836
Average Per Play	6.2	5.0
Average Per Game	391.6	319.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	49-1075	66-1434
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	22-169	21-199
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	15-129	8-110

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	21.9	21.7
PUNT RETURN AVG.	7.7	9.5
INT RETURN AVG.	8.6	13.8
FUMBLES-LOST	18-6	21-9
PENALTIES-YARDS	67-656	88-732
Average Per Game	50.5	56.3
PUNTS-YARDS	45-1810	60-2359
Average Per Punt	40.2	39.3
Net punt average	34.5	36.2
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:56	29:04
3RD-DOWN CONV.	74/172	68/180
3rd-Down Pct.	43%	38%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	8/14	9/23
4th-Down Pct.	57%	39%
SACKS BY-YARDS	47-336	15-101
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	50	32
FG-ATTEMPTS	23-30	12-17
PAT-ATTEMPTS	46-48	27-30
ATTENDANCE	374119	225820
Games/Avg Per Game	7/53446	5/45164
Neutral Site Games		1/50389

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Pittsburgh	81	140	97	99	417
Opponent	52	58	52	95	257

2 WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

TOP 25 PICK

NOEL DEVINE, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Sophomores Geno Smith and Coley White will have to step up to succeed Jarrett Brown at quarterback.
- Noel Devine and Jock Sanders are motivated to prove they made the right decisions to return for another year.
- Can the Mountaineers continue their unbeaten streak at home?

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Coastal Carolina	
S.10	@MARSHALL	24-7
S.18	Maryland	
S.25	@LSU	
O.9	UNLV	
O.14	South Florida	19-30
O.23	Syracuse	34-13
O.29	@CONNECTICUT	28-24
N.13	Cincinnati	21-24
N.20	@LOUISVILLE	17-9
GAME TO WATCH		
N.26	@PITTSBURGH	19-16

The Big East's best natural rivalry now involves its two best teams. This might be the best game of the four-day Thanksgiving holiday.

D.4	Rutgers	24-21

BOWL PROJECTION

MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING

DEON LONG, WR

Long enrolled in January after spending a season in prep school, only to leave the team in April. If he returns, the explosive receiver from Dunbar High in Washington, D.C., could make an immediate impact.

Bill Stewart has won "only" nine games in each of his first two seasons as head coach, leading some fans to half-jokingly suggest West Virginia is now a basketball school after Bob Huggins' crew reached the Final Four.

Predecessor Rich Rodriguez won 11 games in each of his final three seasons before bolting for Ann Arbor, but Stewart has all of the pieces in place to make another run at a national championship.

The only missing link is at quarterback where the Mountaineers do not have an experienced signal-caller for the first time in five years. Either Geno Smith or Coley White, Jarrett Brown's backups last season, will get the nod. Smith, who showed poise last year, is the favorite despite breaking a bone in his foot during offseason workouts.

Few quarterbacks have more weapons at their disposal, since playmakers Noel Devine and Jock Sanders postponed the NFL for another year in Morgantown. Devine rushed for a career-best 1,465 yards, caught 22 passes for 177 more and accounted for 14 touchdowns.

Sanders led the Mountaineers with 72 catches for 688 yards and was also their top punt returner. Junior Brad Starks (29 catches, 405 yards) averaged a team-high 14 yards per catch last season and will be called upon to fill the void left by Alric Arnett. Receivers Logan Heastie and Deon Long were not with the team as of early April, and their status for 2010 was uncertain at press time.

Bruising fullback Ryan Clarke emerged as another weapon, complementing the elusive Devine, and finished with 250 yards and eight touchdowns.

The Mountaineers return most of an offensive line that led the Big East in rushing yards for the sixth time in the last seven years. The line produced a

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1,000-yard rusher for the 14th time in 15 seasons and its first 2,000-yard passer since 1998.

Left tackle Don Barclay and left guard Josh Jenkins return to their same positions. Center Joe Madsen was an All-Big East Freshman selection last season after playing center and guard. Eric Jobe also played center and guard but will fill in at right guard. Matt Timmerman is the leading candidate to replace Selvish Capers, a second-team all-conference right tackle.

The Mountaineers return nine starters to a defensive unit that ranked in the middle of the pack last season. The front line of Scooter Berry, Chris Neild and Julian Miller (team-high 9 sacks) returns intact. Berry and Neild will be starting for the third straight year.

All-conference linebacker J.T. Thomas returns for a third season as the starter at the weakside position and senior Pat Lazear will be a regular for the second time on the strong side. Anthony Leonard is the leading candidate to replace Reed Williams in the middle.

The Mountaineers return four starters to their unusual five-man secondary. Left corner Brandon Hogan, an all-conference selection, led the team with 11 pass breakups and 46 solo tackles. Free safety Robert Sands, another All-Big East selection, led the league in passes defended (13) and tied for the lead in interceptions (5).

Keith Tandy starts at right corner for the second season and defensive playmaker Sidney Glover also returns, moving from the "spur" to "bandit" safety position. Sophomore Terence Garvin was moved to spur in the spring.

Kicker Tyler Bitancurt had a stellar freshman year, earning first-team all-conference honors after connecting on 13 of 15 field goal attempts. Nobody has enjoyed better punting in recent years than the Mountaineers with Pat McAfee and, most recently, Scott Kozlowski. There's no immediate successor of that caliber, though.

The Mountaineers stack their special teams, assigning their stars to return duties. Sanders and Hogan will split time running back punts. Sanders, Devine and backup running back Shawne Alston will share the kickoff duties.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Big East's top class belongs to West Virginia, and it doesn't take long to explain why. The Mountaineers, who have built their program around speed, have plenty of that coming in at the skill positions in this group.

The state of West Virginia is never going to supply the program with a lot of top-flight prospects, so the Mountaineers have done a good job of building pipelines to other regions. This class is filled with recruits from different states east of the Mississippi, as well as a couple west of it.

Miramar High School in Florida supplied WVU with perhaps its best recruit in wide receiver **Ivan McCartney**. The 6-3, 180-pound prospect needs to gain some weight and improve his strength, but his athleticism and ball skills make him an incredible prospect with a world of potential. Fellow four-star receiver **Deon Long** spent a year prepping at Hargrave Military Academy. While he may lack McCartney's athleticism, Long has a stronger build.

Barry Brunetti was the nation's No. 3 dual-threat quarterback. He lacks ideal size, but may prove to be a great fit in West Virginia's spread offense. At 6-5 and 330 pounds, offensive guard **Quinton Spain** could be the best NFL prospect if he can keep his weight in check.

Junior college linebacker **Bruce Irvin** is one of the best defensive recruits to come along for West Virginia in some time. Irvin has the build and physical tools to compete for a starting spot from the first day he arrives on campus. Defensive backs **Travis Bell** and **Mike Dorsey** could make an early impact.

—Mike Farrell, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 BIG EAST: 5-2
(lost to Florida State in the Gator Bowl, 33-21)

Coach: Bill Stewart, 3rd year (19-8)
Career record: 19-8
Offensive coordinator: Jeff Mullen (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Jeff Casteel (9th year)

Stadium: Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium (60,000)
Tickets: 800-WVU-GAME
Site: Morgantown, W. Va.
Official athletic Web site: www.msnsportsnet.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Geno Smith						
GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
5	120.9	32-49-1	65.3	309	1	61.8

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Noel Devine	13	241	1465	3.1	13	112.7

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Brad Starks	12	29	405	14.0	2	33.8

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
J.T. Thomas	13	34	41	78

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Julian Miller	13	3.5	35

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Robert Sands	5	9	1.8	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Geno Smith (6-3, 210, So.)
	15	Coley White (6-0, 175, So.)
RB	7	Noel Devine (5-8, 170, Sr.)
	34	Shawne Alston (5-11, 222, So.)
LOT	64	Don Barclay (6-4, 304, Jr.)
	72	Cole Bowers (6-5, 289, Fr.)
LOG	77	Josh Jenkins (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	71	Ryan Spiker (6-3, 288, Fr.)
C	74	Joe Madsen (6-4, 290, So.)
	63	Jeffrey Braun (6-4, 308, So.)
ROG	61	Eric Jobe (6-2, 290, Sr.)
	63	Jeffrey Braun (6-4, 308, So.)
ROT	59	Matt Timmerman (6-3, 294, Sr.)
	76	Pat Eger (6-6, 288, Fr.)
TE	89	Tyler Urban (6-5, 249, Jr.)
	6	Will Johnson (6-2, 238, Sr.)
WR	9	Jock Sanders (5-7, 179, Sr.)
	86	Reginald Rembert (5-7, 157, So.)
WR	14	Bradley Starks (6-3, 190, Jr.)
	80	Ryan Nehlen (6-2, 198, So.)
WR	10	Stedman Bailey (5-10, 195, Fr.)
	3	Deon Long (6-2, 184, Fr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	93	Scooter Berry (6-1, 287, Sr.)
	99	Jorge Wright (6-2, 264, So.)
NT	90	Chris Neild (6-2, 301, Sr.)
	94	Josh Taylor (6-1, 278, Jr.)
RDE	97	Julian Miller (6-4, 260, Jr.)
	32	Ryan Clarke (6-0, 247, So.)
SLB	31	Pat Lazear (6-0, 237, Sr.)
	42	Donovan Miles (6-1, 234, So.)
MLB	45	Anthony Leonard (6-1, 246, Sr.)
	55	Branko Busick (6-0, 231, Fr.)
WLB	30	J.T. Thomas (6-2, 225, Sr.)
	52	Najae Goode (6-1, 238, Jr.)
LCB	22	Brandon Hogan (5-10, 189, Sr.)
	9	Brodrick Jenkins (5-10, 182, Fr.)
RCB	8	Keith Tandy (5-10, 198, Jr.)
	3	Eddie Davis (6-0, 186, Sr.)
FS	2	Robert Sands (6-0, 221, Jr.)
	24	Eain Smith (5-11, 204, Jr.)
SS	32	Terence Garvin (6-3, 215, So.)
	28	Darwin Cook (5-11, 205, Fr.)
S	11	Sidney Glover (5-11, 207, Sr.)
	28	Darwin Cook (5-11, 205, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

KFG	40	Tyler Bitancurt (6-1, 198, So.)
P	36	Gregg Pugnetti (6-1, 208, Sr.)

2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	WVU	OPP
SCORING	340	282
Points Per Game	26.2	21.7
FIRST DOWNS	243	219
Rushing	122	95
Passing	109	112
Penalty	12	12
RUSHING YARDAGE	2423	1647
Yards gained rushing	2827	1995
Yards lost rushing	404	348
Rushing Attempts	508	442
Average Per Rush	4.8	3.7
Average Per Game	186.4	126.7
TDs Rushing	29	9
PASSING YARDAGE	2484	2728
Att-Comp-Int	220-347-10	224-423-17
Average Per Pass	7.2	6.4
Average Per Catch	11.3	12.2
Average Per Game	191.1	209.8
TDs Passing	12	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	4907	4375
Total Plays	855	865
Average Per Play	5.7	5.1
Average Per Game	377.5	336.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	55-1209	57-1380
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	24-231	28-245
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	17-235	10-84

TEAM STATISTICS	WVU	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	22.0	24.2
PUNT RETURN AVG.	9.6	8.8
INT RETURN AVG.	13.8	8.4
FUMBLES-LOST	25-15	14-6
PENALTIES-YARDS	66-572	72-593
Average Per Game	44.0	45.6
PUNTS-YARDS	64-2844	66-2676
Average Per Punt	44.4	40.5
Net punt average	38.4	34.9
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:15	29:45
3RD-DOWN CONV.	73/173	63/195
3rd-Down Pct.	42%	32%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	3/12	7/16
4th-Down Pct.	25%	44%
SACKS BY-YARDS	29-185	24-209
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	43	30
FG-ATTEMPTS	13-15	24-35
PAT-ATTEMPTS	41-42	28-29
ATTENDANCE	401216	271562
Games/Avg Per Game	7/57317	5/54312
Neutral Site Games		1/84129

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
West Virginia	110	77	74	79	340
Opponent	67	76	61	78	282

3 CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

Randy Edsall and the Huskies put together another strong season in 2009, overcoming the October murder of cornerback Jasper Howard to win their last four games, including a bowl upset of South Carolina. Connecticut has won at least eight games in each of the last three seasons. Not bad for a program still in only its 10th year of FBS competition.

Like everyone in the Big East, the Huskies have an unsettled quarterback situation, though there are two experienced options in senior Zach Frazer, who started the last five games of 2009, and junior Cody Endres, who made six starts when Frazer was out with a knee injury.

Jordan Todman is the latest in a line of UConn running backs to put up big numbers, rushing for 1,188 yards in 2009, including five games of 100-plus yards. He runs behind an experienced line that includes All-Big East guard Zach Hurd and center Moe Petrus.

As usual, the Huskies' attack will depend on the running game, but they'll need several young receivers to step up to keep defenses honest. Juniors Kashif Moore (22 receptions) and Isiah Moore (24) are the top returnees. One candidate for a breakout season is sophomore Dwayne Difton, who headlined the 2009 recruiting class.

Eight starters return to a defense that was last in the Big East in pass defense and must replace its best cover man in Robert Vaughn, along with safety Robert McClain. The secondary already was thin following the death of Howard, who would have been a senior this fall. The unit also will transition following the departure of assistant Scott Lakatos, who joined the Georgia staff. Sophomores Blidi Wreh-Wilson and Dwayne Gratz will be the cornerbacks. Jerome Junior returns at safety.

Edsall will offset the loss of all-conference defensive end Lindsey Witten by moving Greg Lloyd from linebacker, where he was a second-team All-Big East perfomer with 91 tackles. End Trevardo Williams played in all 13 games as a true freshman. There's experience at tackle with redshirt juniors Twyon Martin and Kendall Reyes.

Edsall has a track record of shuffling players and positions to maximize talent, and his chess moves for 2010 do not stop with Lloyd. Fifth-year senior Scott Lutrus, an all-conference player in 2008, will move from strongside linebacker to the middle. Converted safety Kijuan Dabney will compete with Jory Johnson for the opening on the strong side. Lawrence Wilson returns at the weak side, where he led the team in tackles (140) and earned All-Big East honors.

At punter, redshirt freshman Chad Christen will replace Desi Cullen, who graduated as UConn's career leader. Junior Dave Teggart is back as the kicker after making all 47 of his extra-point attempts last year.

LAWRENCE WILSON, LB

THE NEXT BIG THING
TREVARDO WILLIAMS, DE

A tenacious player who saw action as a freshman, Williams could dominate if he puts on more weight.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 BIG EAST: 3-4
(beat South Carolina in the Papajohns.com Bowl, 20-7)

Coach: Randy Edsall, 12th year (66-65)
Career record: 66-65
Offensive coordinator: Joe Moorhead (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Todd Orlando (6th year)

Stadium: Rentschler Field (40,000)
Tickets: 877-288-2666
Site: Storrs
Official athletic Web site: www.uconnhuskies.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	@MICHIGAN	

The Huskies put their seven-game, season-opening winning streak on the line in their first trip to Ann Arbor.

S.11	Texas Southern	
S.18	@TEMPLE	
S.25	Buffalo	
O.2	Vanderbilt	
O.8	@RUTGERS	24-28
O.23	@LOUISVILLE	38-25
O.29	West Virginia	24-28
N.10	Pittsburgh	21-24
N.20	@SYRACUSE	56-31
N.27	Cincinnati	45-47
D.4	@SOUTH FLORIDA	29-27

BOWL PROJECTION
ST. PETERSBURG BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Either senior Zach Frazer or junior Cody Endres must emerge at quarterback.
- Kashif Moore and Isiah Moore must step up to bolster the receiving game.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Zach Frazer (6-4, 236, Sr.)
FB	49	Anthony Sherman (5-11, 242, Sr.)
RB	23	Jordan Todman (5-9, 190, Jr.)
LOT	71	Mike Ryan (6-5, 332, Jr.)
LOG	66	Mathieu Olivier (6-6, 276, Sr.)
C	57	Moe Petrus (6-2, 276, So.)
ROG	78	Zach Hurd (6-7, 323, Sr.)
ROT	72	Jimmy Bennett (6-8, 301, So.)
TE	94	Ryan Griffin (6-6, 240, So.)
WR	83	Isiah Moore (6-1, 183, Jr.)
WR	82	Kashif Moore (5-9, 177, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	48	Trevardo Williams (6-1, 224, So.)
LDT	99	Kendall Reyes (6-4, 287, Jr.)
RDT	4	Twyon Martin (6-2, 270, Jr.)
RDE	95	Greg Lloyd (6-2, 234, Sr.)
SLB	28	Jory Johnson (6-1, 219, So.)
MLB	32	Scott Lutrus (6-3, 240, Sr.)
WLB	8	Lawrence Wilson (6-1, 217, Sr.)
LCB	5	Blidi Wreh-Wilson (6-0, 184, So.)
RCB	24	Dwayne Gratz (6-0, 190, So.)
FS	25	Harris Agbor (5-10, 192, Jr.)
SS	15	Jerome Junior (6-1, 208, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	38	Dave Teggart (6-0, 209, Jr.)
P	13	Chad Christen (6-1, 200, Fr.)

Sporting News All-American

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Reuben Frank
DE 6-2, 230
Frank isn't overpowering against the run, but he has the quickness to present matchup problems for slower tackles.

2 — Geremy Davis
WR 6-2, 192
Davis uses his frame well, which is important since he isn't a burner. He also has good leaping ability, which makes him a downfield threat.

3 — Jonathan Louis
DE 6-5, 240
With his size, Louis has potential against the run, but he isn't as good a pass-rushing threat as classmate Reuben Frank.

4 — Taylor Mack
CB 5-9, 160
Mack won't be ready to make an impact right away, but he plays bigger than his size and is adept at covering bigger receivers.

5 — Greg McKee
OT 6-7, 295
McKee passes the eyeball test with his massive size. He has a good knowledge of the game and could top 300 pounds during his career.

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CINCINNATI BEARCATS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@FRESNO STATE	28-20
S.11	Indiana State	
S.16	@N.C. STATE	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.25	**Oklahoma**	
O.9	Miami (Ohio)	37-13
O.15	@LOUISVILLE	41-10
O.22	South Florida	34-17
O.30	Syracuse	28-7
N.13	@WEST VIRGINIA	24-21
N.20	Rutgers	47-15
N.27	@CONNECTICUT	47-45
D.4	Pittsburgh	45-44

This tough early-season game at Paul Brown Stadium should show where the Bearcats stand early in the post-Brian Kelly era.

BOWL PROJECTION

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- USC transfer Vidal Hazelton will try to lessen the loss of Marty Gilyard at WR.
- Tailback Isaiah Pead has the potential to take his place among Noel Devine and Dion Lewis as the league's top backs.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Zach Collaros (6-0, 216, Jr.)
RB	23	Isaiah Pead (5-11, 194, Jr.)
LOT	66	Sam Griffin (6-4, 265, Sr.)
LOG	60	Jason Kelce (6-4, 283, Sr.)
C	72	Evan Davis (6-4, 282, Jr.)
ROG	59	Alex Hoffman (6-7, 293, Jr.)
ROT	70	C.J. Cobb (6-4, 311, Sr.)
TE	19	Ben Guidugli (6-1, 240, Sr.)
WR	3	D.J. Woods (6-0, 172, Jr.)
WR	7	Vidal Hazelton (6-3, 210, Sr.)
WR	80	Armon Binns (6-3, 210, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	58	Brandon Mills (5-10, 241, So.)
LDT	95	Derek Wolfe (6-6, 298, Jr.)
RDT	40	John Hughes (6-4, 296, Jr.)
RDE	99	Dan Giordano (6-4, 251, So.)
SLB	54	Walter Stewart (6-5, 236, So.)
MLB	42	Dorian Davis (6-2, 221, Sr.)
WLB	37	J.K. Schaffer (6-1, 228, Jr.)
LCB	9	Dominique Battle (6-0, 180, Jr.)
RCB	21	Camerron Cheatham (5-9, 185, So.)
FS	24	Wes Richardson (6-0, 197, Jr.)
SS	26	Drew Frey (6-3, 197, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	97	Jake Rogers (6-4, 211, Sr.)
P	34	Patrick O'Donnell (6-5, 212, So.)

DEREK WOLFE, DT

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 12-1 BIG EAST: 7-0
(lost to Florida in the Sugar Bowl, 51-24)

Coach: Butch Jones, 1st year
Career record: 27-13
Offensive coordinator: Mike Bajakian (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Brad Lambert (3rd year)

Stadium: Nippert Stadium (35,000)
Tickets: 877-CATS-TIX
Site: Cincinnati
Official athletic Web site: www.gobearcats.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

All Cincinnati has to do to threepeat as Big East champions is replace the conference's most productive quarterback and wide receiver/return man, along with three other players who appeared on All-Big East first or second teams last year. And they'll have to do it all without the coach who, in just three seasons, turned the Bearcats into a national power before bolting for Notre Dame.

That's a tall order, especially in a league as unpredictable as the Big East. That, ironically, may be why the Bearcats could be within striking distance of title contention again this year.

Butch Jones succeeds Brian Kelly, as he did at Central Michigan, and knows how to win, having led teams to three straight bowl games at CMU. Quarterback Zach Collaros should be an adequate successor to Tony Pike and Vidal Hazelton could ease the loss of Mardy Gilyard, the two-time All-Big East wide receiver and Special Teams Player of the Year.

Collaros passed for 1,434 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushed for 344 yards while Pike was injured last season. Collaros is shorter but more athletic than Pike. When Pike hurt his forearm at South Florida, Collaros entered the game and embarked on a 75-yard TD run that broke the game open.

Hazelton was USC's second-leading receiver with 50 catches for 540 yards and four touchdowns in 2007. He was slowed by injuries in 2008 and transferred to Cincinnati, hoping to play right away. The NCAA turned down his request, leaving him with one year of eligibility. He could give the Bearcats another deep threat to go with senior Armon Binns (61 catches, 888 yards, 11 TDs) and junior D.J. Woods (51 catches, 640 yards). Tight end Ben Guidugli (27, 364) earned second-team all-conference honors last fall.

Tailback Isaiah Pead (806 yards, 9 TDs) was a huge recruiting coup in 2008 when he picked Cincinnati over Pitt and West Virginia. Those schools have more high-profile backs in Dion Lewis and Noel Devine, respectively, but Pead belongs in the conversation after averaging 6.7 yards a carry last season. He will again rely on guards Alex Hoffman and Jason Kelce, both of whom were second-team all-conference picks last season.

The Bearcats aren't as loaded on defense with the departure of ends Ricardo Mathews and Alex Daniels plus safety Aaron Webster. That makes the shift to a 4-3 defense more challenging. Tackle Derek Wolfe is a budding star against the run, while ends Dan Giordano and Brandon Mills impressed as freshmen.

Hard-hitting safety Drew Frey was awarded a sixth year of eligibility after enduring injury-plagued seasons in 2007 and '08. A star runner, wideout and kicker, he's only a redshirt sophomore after making the Big East All-Freshman team at age 20.

THE NEXT BIG THING
BRANDON MILLS, DE

Long overlooked because of his height (5-10), Mills just makes plays. An all-conference freshman last year, he'll be counted on in the Bearcats' new 4-3 defense.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Kenbrell Thompkins
WR 6-3, 190
Thompkins, a top 10 junior college recruit from El Camino (Calif.) CC, has enviable size and runs smoothly in the open field.

2 — Dyjuan Lewis
WR 6-2, 186
Another long, rangy threat on the outside, Lewis ranked as the No. 3 prospect in Indiana and the No. 20 wideout in the nation.

3 — Munchie Legaux
QB 6-4, 185
Legaux is not a prototypical signal-caller compared to recent Bearcat QBs, but he should add a new dimension to the offense.

4 — Kevin Schloemer
OT 6-7, 274
The offensive tackle from Ohio will need time to fill out before he cracks the depth chart, but his frame is ideal for the position.

5 — Solomon Tentman
LB 6-2, 230
Tentman runs well for his size and should fit nicely in the Bearcats' defensive scheme, driving ballcarriers back upon contact.

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5 RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

TOM SAVAGE, QB

Tom Savage enters the 2010 season as the most experienced quarterback in the Big East and arguably the best. That speaks volumes about the turnover at the position throughout the conference, but the sophomore is emerging as one of the nation's young stars.

The most touted recruit in the history of Rutgers football, Savage lived up to expectations last season, passing for 2,211 yards and 14 touchdowns while leading the Scarlet Knights to their fifth consecutive bowl and fourth postseason win.

With prototypical size (6-5, 230 pounds) and a strong arm, Savage also has other weapons at his disposal. Junior Joe Martinek (206 carries, 967 yards) was the team's leading rusher last season and De'Antwan "The Rocket" Williams (235 yards), like Savage, made an impact as a true freshman.

Savage will miss Tim Brown, who left as the school's all-time leader in receiving touchdowns, but former high school safety Mohamed Sanu (51 catches, 639 yards) figures to emerge as the top deep threat. Last year Sanu became the first Scarlet Knight since 1993 to score via passing, rushing and receiving in the same season.

Rutgers must rebuild an offensive line that lost three anchors in tackles Kevin Haslam and Anthony Davis, along with center Ryan Blaszczyk. Starting guards Howard Barbieri and Art Forst return, though Forst could move to tackle. Redshirt freshman Antwan Lowery, one of the nation's top defensive-line recruits a year ago, moved to the offensive front in the spring and could make an immediate impact.

The Knights fielded one of the nation's best defenses last season, ranking first in fumbles recovered and tackles for loss and second in turnover margin. Rutgers finished fourth nationally in sacks and also led the Big East in total defense and scoring defense.

A number of key contributors from that unit return, especially on the line. Senior Alex Silvestro has thrived since shifting from tackle to end, making 12 tackles for loss last season. Both starting tackles return in fifth-year senior Charlie Noonan and Scott Vallone, a Freshman All-American in 2009. Senior Jonathan Freeny will likely step into the other starting end position after spending the past three seasons backing up graduated George Johnson.

Antonio Lowery (55 tackles) is the team's top returning tackler and one of two linebackers with starting experience. Steve Beauharnais emerged as last season progressed and finished with 36 tackles, including five sacks. Two starters return in the secondary: safety Joe Lefeged and cornerback David Rowe.

Rutgers returns both its starting punter, Teddy Dellaganna, and kicker in San San Te.

THE NEXT BIG THING
ANTWAN LOWERY, OT

The Miami product turned down the Hurricanes and Florida. The redshirt freshman has a high motor and is making the move from defensive line to the offensive side, where he could make an immediate impact.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Norfolk State	
S.11	@FIU	23-15
S.25	North Carolina	
O.2	Tulane	
O.8	Connecticut	28-24
O.16	Army	27-10
GAME TO WATCH		
O.23	@PITTSBURGH	17-24

With a soft early-season schedule, the Scarlet Knights could be 6-0 heading into their first Big East road game.

N.3	@SOUTH FLORIDA	31-0
N.13	Syracuse	13-31
N.20	@CINCINNATI	15-47
N.26	Louisville	34-14
D.4	@WEST VIRGINIA	21-24

BOWL PROJECTION
PINSTRIPE BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 BIG EAST: 3-4
(beat UCF in the St. Petersburg Bowl, 45-24)

Coach: Greg Schiano, 10th year (55-55)
Career record: 55-55
Offensive coordinator: Kirk Ciarrocca (2nd year), Kyle Flood (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Bob Fraser (2nd year), Ed Pinkham (2nd year)

Stadium: Rutgers Stadium (42,000)
Tickets: 866-445-GORU
Site: Piscataway, N.J.
Official athletic Web site: www.scarletknights.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

BULLET POINTS

- Can QB Tom Savage build on his monster freshman campaign?
- The Knights must rebuild an offensive line that lost three starters, including Anthony Davis.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Tom Savage (6-5, 230, So.)
FB	30	Edmond Laryea (6-1, 220, Sr.)
RB	34	De'Antwan Williams (5-8, 195, So.)
LOT	71	Devon Watkis (6-7, 310, So.)
LOG	77	Art Forst (6-8, 310, Jr.)
C	62	Marlon Romulus (6-3, 285, Jr.)
ROG	74	Howard Barbieri (6-5, 300, Sr.)
ROT	73	Desmond Stapleton (6-5, 285, Jr.)
TE	3	Shamar Graves (6-3, 230, Jr.)
WR	18	Julian Hayes (6-1, 210, Sr.)
WR	6	Mohamed Sanu (6-2, 215, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Jonathan Freeny (6-3, 250, Sr.)
LDT	96	Charlie Noonan (6-2, 270, Sr.)
RDT	94	Scott Vallone (6-3, 270, So.)
RDE	45	Alex Silvestro (6-4, 260, Sr.)
SLB	50	Antonio Lowery (6-2, 225, Sr.)
MLB	53	Jim Dumont (6-1, 215, Sr.)
WLB	42	Steve Beauharnais (6-2, 230, So.)
LCB	4	David Rowe (6-0, 195, Jr.)
RCB	25	Brandon Jones (6-1, 185, So.)
FS	20	Khaseem Greene (6-1, 210, So.)
SS	26	Joe Lefeged (6-1, 205, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	1	San San Te (5-9, 180, Jr.)
P	93	Teddy Dellaganna (6-2, 210, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Brandon Coleman
WR 6-6, 200
Coleman was ranked as the No. 29 receiver in the nation and runs well for someone who is 6-6. He'll gain weight during his college career.

2
Rashad Knight
CB 5-10, 181
Knight was the nation's No. 19 cornerback, but did a little bit of everything during his high school career in Jacksonville, Fla.

3
Chris Fonti
OL 6-7, 305
Fonti has ideal size and a great wingspan. He was the No. 42 offensive tackle in the nation and No. 8 prospect in New Jersey.

4
Jordan Thomas
RB 6-1, 187
Thomas is bigger than many all-purpose backs but has the same versatility and skill set. He runs well and is shifty in the open field.

5
Jeremy Deering
S 6-2, 198
The safety from Florida has the size coaches love and spent some time at quarterback, where he showed excellent running ability.

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SOUTH FLORIDA BULLS 6

SCHEDULE

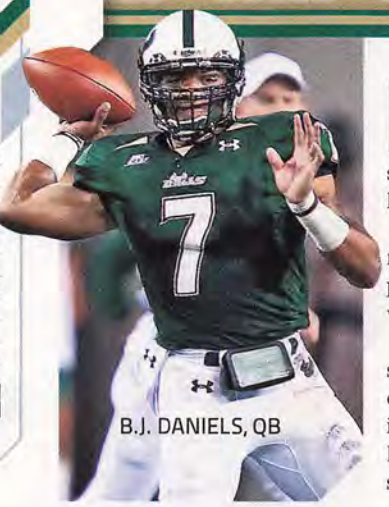
DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Stony Brook	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.11	@FLORIDA	

South Florida has played well against top in-state foes, but facing the Gators at the Swamp will be a tough early test for Holtz.

S.25	Western Kentucky	35-13
O.2	Florida Atlantic	
O.9	Syracuse	34-20
O.14	@WEST VIRGINIA	30-19
O.22	@CINCINNATI	17-34
N.3	Rutgers	0-31
N.13	@LOUISVILLE	34-22
N.20	Pittsburgh	14-41
N.27	@MIAMI (Fla.)	10-31
D.4	Connecticut	27-29

BOWL PROJECTION

INDEPENDENCE BOWL



B.J. DANIELS, QB

BULLET POINTS

- First-year Bulls coach Skip Holtz needs to quickly reload a program that lost a wealth of talent to the NFL.
- How will the Bulls measure up against in-state power Florida in Gainesville?

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	B.J. Daniels (6-1, 210, So.)
FB	43	Richard Kelly (6-0, 233, Sr.)
RB	3	Moise Plancher (5-9, 204, Sr.)
LOT	63	Jamar Bass (6-4, 290, Sr.)
LOG	55	Jeremiah Warren (6-4, 315, Jr.)
C	62	Sampson Genus (6-1, 314, Sr.)
ROG	79	Chaz Hine (6-4, 294, Jr.)
ROT	64	Jacob Sims (6-5, 290, Sr.)
TE	89	Jeff Hawkins (6-4, 251, So.)
WR	17	Sterling Griffin (6-1, 180, So.)
WR	81	Dontavia Bogan (6-1, 188, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	58	David Bedford (6-5, 245, Sr.)
LDT	97	Terrell McClain (6-3, 302, Sr.)
RDT	91	Keith McCaskill (5-11, 269, Jr.)
RDE	94	Craig Marshall (6-5, 260, Sr.)
SLB	57	Jacquian Williams (6-4, 222, Sr.)
MLB	36	Sam Barrington (6-3, 220, So.)
WLB	11	Sabbath Joseph (6-0, 230, Sr.)
LCB	2	Quenton Washington (5-10, 183, Jr.)
RCB	6	Kayvon Webster (5-11, 184, So.)
FS	16	Mistral Raymond (6-1, 185, Sr.)
SS	5	Jon Lejiste (6-0, 197, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	32	Eric Schwartz (5-10, 170, So.)
P	18	Justin Brockhaus-Kann (6-3, 221, So.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 BIG EAST: 3-4
(beat Northern Illinois in the International Bowl, 27-3)

Coach: Skip Holtz, 1st year
Career record: 38-27
Offensive coordinator: Todd Fitch (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Mark Snyder (1st year)

Stadium: Raymond James Stadium (65,857)
Tickets: 813-974-3002
Site: Tampa, Fla.
Official athletic Web site: www.gousfbulls.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

For the first time since the inception of South Florida's football program in 1995, the Bulls begin a season without Jim Leavitt, who was fired in January after a school investigation revealed that he struck a player in the locker room during halftime of a November game.

Leavitt built the program from scratch to a No. 2 BCS rating early in the 2007 season, but his tightly wound personality rubbed some the wrong way long before USF welcomed Skip Holtz from East Carolina as its new coach.

Holtz inherits a Bulls program that has made five straight bowl appearances and won at least eight games in each of the last four seasons. But the program has fallen into a holding pattern in recent years of starting strong and knocking off prominent nonconference opponents before struggling in November and backing into a third-tier bowl.

The Bulls must replace quarterback Matt Grothe and defensive end George Selvie, the best offensive and defensive players in school history. They've gotten used to life without Grothe, who went down with a knee injury early last season and was replaced by B.J. Daniels.

Senior Moise Plancher (581 yards) is the Bulls top returning rusher and will benefit from an experienced line that includes guards Chaz Hine and Jeremiah Warren, right tackle Jacob Sims and center Sampson Genus, a second-team all-conference performer last year. Mark Popek and Jamar Bass will compete to start at left tackle.

The Bulls must replace Carlton Mitchell, last year's top receiver, but they have returning experience with Dontavia Bogan and Sterling Griffin. Lindsey Lamar, a converted running back, will line up at receiver.

Mark Snyder is the Bulls' third defensive coordinator in as many seasons. He must rebuild a unit that sent five players to the NFL: Selvie, Jason Pierre-Paul, Nate Allen, Kion Wilson and Jerome Murphy.

Snyder's base defense is a five-man front with two linebackers. The new starters have experience with defensive ends David Bedford and Craig Marshall, middle linebacker Sam Barrington, cornerback Kayvon Webster and Mistral Raymond at free safety. Webster and Barrington were members of the Big East All-Freshman Team. Holtz' top two recruits—tackle Todd Chandler and cornerback Terrence Mitchell—could make an impact as true freshmen.

For years USF has been on the verge of joining Florida, Florida State and Miami in a true "Big Four" of Sunshine State football. In Holtz, the Bulls might have the personality to pull it off. But with new schemes and not much depth, Holtz might need to take a step back before reemerging into contention in 2011.

THE NEXT BIG THING
RYNE GIDDINS, DE

The redshirt freshman chose USF over Florida, FSU and Miami, and is a high-motor defender who could step in and fill the void left by George Selvie and Jason Pierre-Paul.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Terrence Mitchell
CB 5-10, 165
Mitchell doesn't have the size to play right away, but his speed is incredible. He has to make a transition from safety to cornerback, too.

2
Todd Chandler
DT 6-1, 290
Chandler has the size to play early and has a knack for getting after the quarterback that most players his size just don't possess.

3
Claude Davis
DE 6-5, 260
Davis has rare physical maturity, and though he may not be a star right off the bat, he should help by providing immediate depth.

4
Mike Hayes
RB 5-9, 192
Hayes has great lower-body strength, which makes him hard to bring down. He rushed for 1,269 yards and 17 TDs last fall in JC ball.

5
Quinterrius Eatmon
OT 6-6, 320
The No. 39 overall prospect in Alabama will have to keep his weight in check but has the potential to become an overpowering force.

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7 LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

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ADAM FROMAN, QB

It's hard to believe it was only 2006 when the Cardinals went 12-1 and won the Big East championship and the Orange Bowl in Bobby Petrino's final season as Louisville coach.

That was two jobs ago for Petrino, and the three-year tenure of his successor, Steve Kragthorpe, was a disaster. Enter Charlie Strong, who brings 27 years of experience as an assistant, a "play-tough" mindset and many of the same schemes and philosophies installed by his old boss Urban Meyer at Florida.

Strong is known as an effective recruiter, which is a good thing because Kragthorpe left the cupboard bare. At quarterback, Louisville enters 2010 with uncertainty. Adam Froman, a Junior College All-American in 2008, made seven starts last season and threw for 1,354 yards and six TDs. If the senior can stay healthy, he's the best fit for the spread-style offense installed at Louisville. If not, senior Justin Burke and sophomore Will Stein will get a look.

Victor Anderson rushed for 1,047 yards as a freshman in 2008 but only 473 last year, missing four games due to a shoulder injury. Anderson was held out of contact drills during the spring and was already being pushed by Bilal Powell (392 yards, 4 TDs) and Darius Ashley (462, 4), who joined Pittsburgh's Dion Lewis in the backfield of the Big East's All-Freshman team.

Nowhere has the Cardinals' depth dropped off more than at wide receiver, where they entered the spring with just six scholarship players. Senior Doug Beaumont's numbers dipped to 38 catches for 465 yards last season after hauling in 62 passes for 750 yards in '08. Tight end Cameron Graham, a former junior college player, was third on the team in receptions (27 catches, 323 yards) and figures to be one of Froman's top targets.

The offensive line should be a strength, with returning tackles Greg Tomczyk and Jeff Adams. Center Mario Benavides started 12 games as a freshman, and Mark Wetterer is a veteran at right guard.

Strong will have to apply his time and strengths on the defense, both with what he's inherited and what he needs to recruit. Among the building blocks are defensive ends Malcolm Tatum and William Savoy, both of whom started games in 2009.

The linebacking corps must replace top tacklers Jon Dempsey and Chris Campa. Brandon Heath and Antwon Canady figure to play more prominent roles at weakside and middle linebacker, respectively. Sophomore Horace Miller and redshirt freshman Jacob Geffrad figure into the mix at weak side.

The secondary also has questions, but returns senior cornerback Johnny Patrick (53 tackles), who played in all 12 games last season, and safety Shenard Holton, who played at the end of last year and could be a breakout performer.

THE NEXT BIG THING
DARIUS ASHLEY, RB

Just 5-9, Ashley has shown big-play ability. With Victor Anderson's star dimming, it could be Ashley's time to shine.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 BIG EAST: 1-6

Coach: Charlie Strong, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Mike Sanford (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Vance Bedford (1st year)

Stadium: Papa John's Cardinal Stadium (42,000)
Tickets: 800-633-7105
Site: Louisville, Ky.
Official athletic Web site: www.uoflsports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	Kentucky	27-31

It's not basketball, but ex-SEC defensive coordinator Charlie Strong will want to set the tone early in this in-state rivalry.

S.11	Eastern Kentucky	
S.18	@OREGON STATE	
O.2	@ARKANSAS STATE	21-13
O.9	Memphis	
O.15	Cincinnati	10-41
O.23	Connecticut	25-38
O.30	@PITTSBURGH	10-35
N.6	@SYRACUSE	10-9
N.13	South Florida	22-34
N.20	West Virginia	9-17
N.26	@RUTGERS	14-34

BOWL PROJECTION

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- How long it will take Charlie Strong to return Louisville to its 2006 dominance?
- Will Darius Ashley unseat Victor Anderson as the Cards' featured back?

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Adam Froman (6-4, 220, Sr.)
RB	20	Victor Anderson (5-9, 184, Jr.)
LOT	76	Greg Tomczyk (6-6, 299, Sr.)
LOG	77	Joe Evinger (6-6, 320, Sr.)
C	55	Mario Benavides (6-4, 290, So.)
ROG	79	Mark Wetterer (6-5, 319, Sr.)
ROT	74	Jeff Adams (6-8, 298, Sr.)
TE	83	Cameron Graham (6-4, 253, Sr.)
WR	87	Stephon Ball (6-4, 223, So.)
WR	11	Josh Chichester (6-8, 240, Jr.)
WR	27	Doug Beaumont (5-9, 187, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	61	William Savoy (6-1, 238, Jr.)
LDT	11	Greg Scruggs (6-4, 269, Jr.)
RDT	97	Tim High (6-2, 312, Sr.)
RDE	90	Malcolm Tatum (6-4, 253, Sr.)
SLB	46	Dexter Heyman (6-3, 238, Jr.)
MLB	52	Antwon Canady (6-0, 244, Sr.)
WLB	5	Brandon Heath (6-1, 215, Sr.)
LCB	35	Anthony Conner (5-11, 190, Sr.)
RCB	19	Johnny Patrick (6-0, 190, Sr.)
FS	14	Shenard Holton (6-1, 195, So.)
SS	40	Terrence Simien (6-3, 218, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	12	Chris Philpott (6-0, 191, Jr.)
P	35	Jon Payne (6-0, 202, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Michaelee Harris
DB 6-0, 167
Harris isn't going to be the fastest player on the field, but he has tremendous ball skills and knows how to play the game.

2
Dominique Brown
ATH 6-3,215
Brown could help the Cardinals at a variety of positions, as he spent time at QB in high school and knows how to run the ball.

3
De'Antre Rhodes
DT 6-3, 280
The four-star prospect will help to the Cards' defensive front in 2010. Virginia Tech made a run at him, but he chose Louisville.

4
B.J. Butler
DE 6-3, 240
The end has great potential as a pass rusher, though he will need more polish before he's a consistent performer.

5
Kamal Hogan
RB 5-11, 196
A recruit from New Jersey, Hogan will soon be more than 200 pounds and become an every-down running back for a Cardinals offense.

TOMMASO DEROSA

SYRACUSE ORANGE 8

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@AKRON	28-14
GAME TO WATCH		
S.11	@WASHINGTON	

The Orange lost a tough season opener at home to Minnesota in overtime last year and this looms as a similar matchup.

S.18	Maine	41-24
S.25	Colgate	
O.9	@SOUTH FLORIDA	20-34
O.16	Pittsburgh	10-37
O.23	@WEST VIRGINIA	13-34
O.30	@CINCINNATI	7-28
N.6	Louisville	9-10
N.13	@RUTGERS	31-13
N.20	Connecticut	31-56
N.27	Boston College	

BULLET POINTS

- The offense should be more potent with Doug Marrone serving as his own offensive coordinator.
- Redshirt sophomore Ryan Nassib must emerge quickly to provide stability at quarterback.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Ryan Nassib (6-3, 223, So.)
FB	49	Adam Harris (6-2, 239, Jr.)
RB	3	Delone Carter (5-10, 215, Sr.)
LOT	68	Justin Pugh (6-5, 280, So.)
LOG	71	Adam Rosner (6-6, 305, Sr.)
C	70	Ryan Bartholomew (6-3, 290, Jr.)
ROG	66	Andrew Tiller (6-5, 382, Sr.)
ROT	78	Josh White (6-5, 272, Jr.)
TE	80	Nick Provo (6-5, 232, Jr.)
WR	82	Van Chew (6-1, 161, Jr.)
WR	15	Alec Lemon (6-2, 193, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Chandler Jones (6-5, 246, So.)
LDT	51	Andrew Lewis (6-3, 273, Sr.)
RDT	94	Bud Tribbey (6-0, 274, Sr.)
RDE	54	Mikhail Marinovich (6-4, 234, Jr.)
SLB	32	Doug Hogue (6-2, 216, Jr.)
MLB	25	Derrell Smith (6-1, 236, Sr.)
WLB	41	Ryan Gillum (5-11, 216, Jr.)
LCB	1	Phillip Thomas (6-0, 186, So.)
RCB	6	Da'Mon Merkerson (6-1, 183, Sr.)
FS	35	Michael Holmes (5-11, 184, Sr.)
SS	21	Shamarko Thomas (5-10, 196, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	19	Ryan Lichtenstein (5-10, 150, So.)
P	47	Rob Long (6-4, 184, Sr.)

DELONE CARTER, RB

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 BIG EAST 1-6

Coach: Doug Marrone, 2nd year (4-8)
Career record: 4-8
Offensive coordinator: Doug Marrone (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Scott Shafer (2nd year)

Stadium: Carrier Dome (49,250)
Tickets: 888-366-3849
Site: Syracuse, N.Y.
Official athletic Web site: www.suathletics.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

If nothing else, Doug Marrone has brought optimism back to his alma mater. Last season, the Orange won four games—their most since 2006.

As usual, the Orange will be hard-pressed to rise from the cellar of the Big East, but at least this season they will be nobody's pushover. Redshirt sophomore Ryan Nassib will be the starter at quarterback, though he learned last spring not to take anything for granted.

Last season, Greg Paulus transferred from Duke and was named the starter in the fall after playing basketball for the Blue Devils for four years. But Nassib didn't just ride the bench. He played in nine games and took plenty of snaps as the Orange groomed him for the future. When Paulus struggled against West Virginia, Nassib completed seven of 16 passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns.

The Orange should again have a potent running game behind senior running back Delone Carter. A *Sporting News* Freshman All-American in 2006, he missed all of 2007 with a dislocated hip and was hampered by hamstring problems in '08. Last season, he returned and rushed for 1,021 yards and 11 TDs.

Syracuse returns most of its offensive line in left guard Adam Rosner, center Ryan Bartholomew and right tackle Josh White. Sophomore Alec Lemon (29 catches, 295 yards) is the top returning receiver from a unit decimated by departures.

Marrone hopes to use the fullback more, but projected starter Carl Cutler tore his left ACL in the spring. Sophomore Adam Harris will move from linebacker to fullback, where he'll compete with former linebacker Shane Kimmel.

The offense should be more explosive, if only because Marrone has appointed himself offensive coordinator. The last time he had that gig, he was guiding Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints. He does not have that kind of talent in upstate New York, but at least the unit should be more professional.

Six starters return to a defensive unit that will miss nose tackle Arthur Jones, one of the program's all-time greats. Younger brother Chandler Jones returns at defensive end as part of an experienced front four that includes end Mikhail Marinovich and tackle Andrew Lewis.

Derrell Smith has played everywhere—running back, safety, outside linebacker and defensive end—but he's found a home at middle linebacker. He recorded 82 tackles, 6.5 sacks and four forced fumbles in the first 10 games before a knee injury ended his season with two games left.

Doug Hogue will start at the strongside position after moving from running back prior to 2009.

Cornerback Phillip Thomas and safety Shamarko Thomas were named to the Big East All-Freshman team last year and will start as sophomores.

THE NEXT BIG THING
PHILLIP THOMAS, CB

One of the Orange's top recruits of '09, Thomas made an impact as a freshman and has the size, speed and leaping ability to be a front-line player.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Marquis Spruill
LB 6-1, 220
Spruill is the only four-star prospect for the Orange in this class. Expect him to push for a starting job immediately.

2 — Max Beaulieu
DE 6-3, 240
Beaulieu could prove to be an outstanding situational pass rusher right away and a great everydown player after he develops.

3 — Dom Timbers
RB 5-10, 185
The nation's No. 45 RB may be one of Syracuse's most talented players and could make an immediate impact on special teams.

4 — Jeremi Wilkes
CB 5-9, 180
The Tampa product turned down offers from Florida State and Iowa to help Syracuse become one of the best teams in the Big East.

5 — Louiszell Alexander
OT 6-5, 315
Alexander opted for Syracuse, where he could be a starter in 2010. He's a junior college prospect with great strength.

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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

BIG TEN

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY

1 Ohio State
2 Wisconsin
3 Iowa
4 Penn State
5 Purdue
6 Northwestern
7 Michigan State
8 Michigan
9 Illinois
10 Minnesota
11 Indiana

RATING THE BIG TEN

Fastest Receiver
Curtis Drake, Penn State

Best Hands
Keith Smith, WR, Purdue

Best Passing QB
Scott Tolzien, Wisconsin

Best Running QB
Terrelle Pryor, Ohio State

Most Elusive RB
Evan Royster, Penn State

Best Instincts
John Clay, RB, Wisconsin

Best Athlete
Terrelle Pryor, QB, Ohio State

Best Under Pressure
Ricky Stanzi, QB, Iowa

Top NFL Prospect
Greg Jones, LB, Michigan State

Top Impact Freshman
Demar Dorsey, S, Michigan

Hardest Hitter
Greg Jones, LB, Michigan State

Biggest Underachiever
Adam Weber, QB, Minnesota

Best Interview
Stephen Schilling, G, Michigan

Best Coach
Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

Best Recruiter
Tom Bradley, Penn State

Worst Road Trip
Indiana

Big Ten poised to rise from the ashes for a memorable 2010

By Michael Bradley, *Correspondent*

It happens every so often in the Big Ten: Teams stagger in the postseason. Nonconference performance dips and everybody begins writing the obituaries. Midwestern football is dead.

Heading into last season, the death notices were being prepared again. It didn't help that Ohio State unsuccessfully represented the Big Ten in a pair of BCS title games and then dropped a decision to Texas in the 2009 Fiesta Bowl. Further complicating matters was Michigan's death spiral, which began with that 2007 loss to Appalachian State and continued with a plunge into the conference's basement.

Just as there are downturns for every league, so are there upturns. And all signs point to a rise from the ashes for the Big Ten, which heads into 2010 with a solid postseason résumé, a strong collection of teams at the top, a vibrant middle class and several opportunities to prove its worth this season.

Both Ohio State and Iowa won BCS bowl games last January. Penn State took out LSU on New Years Day, and Wisconsin knocked off a rising Miami outfit. And even though Northwestern fell to Auburn, it traded haymakers with the Tigers and had a chance to win it until the end. Those performances serve as excellent springboards for 2010, as Big Ten teams will begin the season sprinkled throughout the top 25, and the Buckeyes prepare to mount yet another try for the national crown.

Should Ohio State succeed, the return to prominence will be complete. Smaller steps will be taken along the way, particularly if Ohio State bumps off Miami; Penn State handles defending champion Alabama in Tuscaloosa; and Minnesota overcomes USC. Even if the Big Ten teams don't win those games, fans can expect the conference's elite to continue their rise, while Northwestern, Michigan State, Minnesota and Purdue build toward better things.

Of course, not everything is perfect. Michigan needs a big year to keep coach Rich Rodriguez employed, while Illinois' Ron Zook is teetering as well. Indiana needs to show progress, too, or Bill Lynch could find things a little uncomfortable.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Greg Ladky, *Rivals.com*

1. PENN STATE Joe Paterno landed QB Paul Jones, Thomas Ricketts and Miles Dieffenbach on offense.
2. MICHIGAN Safety Demar Dorsey committed on signing day; QB Devin Gardner is a perfect fit for Rich Rodriguez's offense.
3. OHIO STATE Three running backs, including Roderick Smith, will help immediately.
4. MICHIGAN STATE William Gholston is the first five-star prospect to sign with Michigan State, who also added defensive end Marcus Rush.
5. IOWA The Hawkeyes addressed a need at linebacker with Austin Gray, James Morris and Jim Poggi.
6. MINNESOTA The Gophers' top two recruits are offensive tackle Jimmy Gjere and athlete Lamonte Edwards.
7. PURDUE Wideout O.J. Ross is a future star of the offense. Purdue landed two standouts in Sean Robinson and Bruce Gaston.
8. ILLINOIS QB Chandler Whitmer will bring consistency to the Illini, who signed five prospects from Florida.
9. NORTHWESTERN The Wildcats added two QBs and three wideouts, along with Chance Carter and Chi Chi Ariguzo on defense.
10. WISCONSIN The Badgers landed seven of the top 11 prospects in Wisconsin, led by safety Michael Trotter.
11. INDIANA The Hoosiers got 14 prospects on defense, including Ishmael Thomas and Matt Zakrzewski.

ASCENDING

PURDUE The Boilermakers may have taken a step back in coach Danny Hope's first year, but Miami transfer Robert Marve will lead them back to a bowl.

DESCENDING

ILLINOIS Although it can't get much worse for the Fighting Illini, they'll sink deeper into trouble and face a big rebuilding project after the season.

ALL-BIG TEN

OFFENSE

QB Terrelle Pryor, Jr., Ohio State
RB John Clay, Jr., Wisconsin
RB Evan Royster, Sr., Penn State
OL Stefen Wisniewski, Sr., Penn State
OL John Moffitt, Sr., Wisconsin
OL Joel Foreman, Jr., Michigan State
OL Justin Boren, Sr., Ohio State
OL Stephen Schilling, Sr., Michigan
TE Charles Gantt, Sr., Michigan State
WR Tanden Doss, Jr., Indiana
WR Keith Smith, Sr., Purdue

DEFENSE

DL Cameron Heyward, Sr., Ohio State
DL Adrian Clayborn, Sr., Iowa
DL Ryan Kerrigan, Sr., Purdue
DL Jerel Worthy, So, Michigan State
LB Ross Homan, Sr., Ohio State
LB Quentin Davie, Sr., Northwestern
LB Greg Jones, Sr., Michigan State
DB Tyler Sash, Sr., Iowa
DB Jay Valai, Sr., Wisconsin
DB Chimdi Chekwa, Sr., Ohio State
DB Drew Astorino, Sr., Penn State

SPECIALISTS

K Brad Nortman, Sr., Wisconsin
P Stefan Demos, Sr., Northwestern

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1. After struggling with accuracy issues during his first two seasons at Ohio State, Terrelle Pryor will complete at least 60 percent of his passes.

2. After a 2009 season filled with controversy and bad behavior, Michigan State's players will stay out of trouble and rebound from a subpar season with a move into the first division.

3. This year will mark the end of the line for Illinois coach Ron Zook, whose team will log another disappointing campaign.

4. Ohio State will actually win a BCS national title game.

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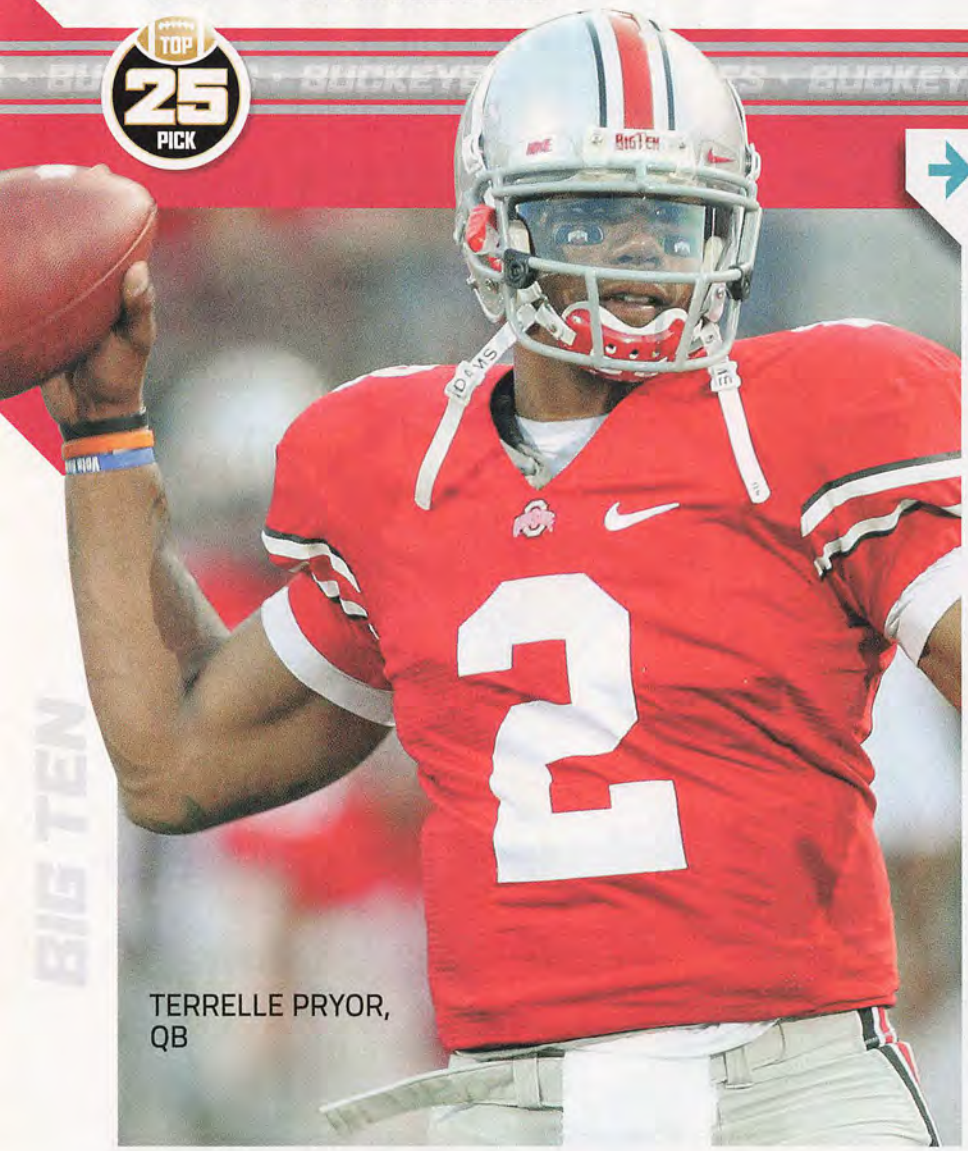
TOP 25 PICK



TERRELLE PRYOR, QB

BULLET POINTS

- Terrelle Pryor must prove he's more than just a running QB and become more consistent, especially in big games.
- The defense must find replacements for its two excellent safeties or risk being vulnerable to deep passes.
- Last year's Rose Bowl win was nice, but the Buckeyes have to beat quality opposition more consistently.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Marshall	
S.11	Miami (Fla.)	
S.18	Ohio	
S.25	Eastern Michigan	
O.2	@ILLINOIS	30-0
O.9	Indiana	33-14
GAME TO WATCH		
O.16	@WISCONSIN	31-13
O.23	Purdue	18-26
O.30	@MINNESOTA	38-7
N.13	Penn State	24-7
N.20	@IOWA	27-24 (OT)
N.27	Michigan	21-10

If the Buckeyes can get past the Badgers at a crazy Camp Randall Stadium, they'll be on track for a Nov. 20 showdown with Iowa.

BOWL PROJECTION

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THE NEXT BIG THING

JERMALE HINES, S

The senior made 57 tackles and picked off a pair of passes as a reserve in 2009 and should be a top-shelf starting safety this year.

The Buckeyes will have to pardon the nation for wondering who was wearing those scarlet-and-gray uniforms during last January's Rose Bowl. After watching Ohio State stumble around BCS fields for several seasons, the squad that rumbled through Oregon looked unfamiliar.

And how about that quarterback? The announcers kept calling the guy who slashed through Duck defenders with impunity and delivered laser-like strikes into the chests of State's receivers "Terrelle Pryor," but come on now. That guy in Pasadena didn't resemble the mercurial Buckeye, who could look great one game and awful the next (Remember Purdue?).

If indeed the Bucks have it all together, then it may be time for them to eradicate their recent image as regional bullies and step onto the national stage. And, should Pryor be clear of the inconsistency that plagued him during his first two years in Columbus, America will see the dynamic QB that coach Jim Tressel promised when he landed the prodigy back in 2008.

Ohio State has plenty of experience, firepower and swagger. It owns the Big Ten, especially now that Michigan has removed itself from the business of big-time football for the time being. But anybody who knows college football understands the Buckeyes won't be vindicated until they knock off a Big 12 or SEC team on a BCS stage. Winning the Rose Bowl is nice, but for all their '09 success, the Ducks lacked a name brand. Bump off Texas, Alabama, Florida, Oklahoma or USC, and the Bucks can talk.

It's all about Pryor, really. No one can dispute his skill set, as he is virtually impossible to bring down in the open field. His blend of size and speed is rare for a quarterback. Now that he has decided to use his legs to create

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opportunities in the passing game rather than reprising the performances of Woody Hayes' running quarterbacks (Rex Kern and Cornelius Green), Pryor could be the most dangerous offensive weapon in the country.

The second part of that equation is whether he can be accurate all the time, rather than just in select, three-hour bursts. Last season, Pryor completed a pedestrian 56.6 percent of his passes. At a time when the nation's better quarterbacks are connecting on nearly 70 percent of their throws, that number is inadequate. If Pryor approaches 65 percent, the Buckeye offense will be lethal.

He has the luxury of throwing to his two top receivers again. Junior DeVier Posey (60 catches, 8 TDs) and senior Dane Sanzenbacher (36, 6) can both make big plays and will benefit from defensive breakdowns that occur when Pryor is on the move. Sophomore tight end Jake Stoneburner has the ability to block and get down the field.

Last year, Pryor was the leading Ohio State rusher, something Tressel would like to avoid this season, no matter how effective the QB is with the ball in his hands. That should mean more work for tailbacks Brandon Saine (739 rushing yards) and Dan Herron (600).

As always, the Buckeyes have plenty of depth. Sophomore Jordan Hall has speed and pop, while redshirt freshman Jaamal Berry is healthy after missing last year with a bum hamstring. And look out for true freshman Carlos Hyde (6-0, 235 pounds), who enrolled early.

They'll run behind an experienced line that has put 2008's problems in the rearview mirror. Guard Justin Boren is a terror. If Mike Adams can handle left tackle, Pryor will have plenty of time to pass and the backs will find many seams through which to run.

The OSU defense may take a small step back this season, thanks to holes at tackle and safety. There's no problem at one end spot, where senior Cameron Heyward is ready to land on the national stage. Look out for junior Nathan Williams on the other side, as well. Seniors Ross Homan, who picked off five passes last year, and Brian Rolle are tackling machines at linebacker.

Expect corners Chimdi Chekwa and Devon Torrence to be stout, but the Bucks need to find a pair of safeties. Jermale Hines should be fine at the free spot, while sophomore Orhian Johnson must step up quickly at strong safety.

RECRUITING REPORT

Ohio State recruiting fans have a sour taste in their mouths from signing day. The Buckeyes were looking to add a second offensive tackle to a class that included **Andrew Norwell**, Ohio's best offensive lineman. The Buckeyes struck out on Seantrel Henderson (USC), Matt James (Notre Dame) and Morgan Moses (Virginia).

Ohio State signed 19 prospects and finished 25th in the national recruiting rankings—its lowest rating in seven years.

The Buckeyes, however, addressed a major need at running back. Fort Wayne (Ind.) Harding product **Roderick Smith** is a future star. At 6-3 and 220 pounds, Smith not only has the size to wear down defenses but also the speed to break long runs. **Corey Brown** is another highly touted offensive weapon who could play either running back or wide receiver for the Buckeyes.

Christian Bryant continues the Cleveland Glenville pipeline into OSU. The 5-10 cornerback brings a tremendous football IQ and great leadership skills to Columbus.

Ohio State signed top-five classes in 2008 and 2009. Expect the Buckeyes to bounce back big on the recruiting trail in 2011.

—Greg Ladky, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 11-2 BIG TEN: 7-1
(beat Oregon in the Rose Bowl, 26-17)

Coach: Jim Tressel, 10th year (94-21)
Career record: 94-21
Offensive coordinator:
Jim Bollman (10th year)
Defensive coordinators:
Jim Heacock (6th year),
Luke Fickell (6th year)

Stadium: Ohio Stadium (102,329)
Tickets: 800-GO-BUCKS
Site: Columbus
Official athletic Web site:
www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Terrelle Pryor	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	13	128.91	295-167-11	56.6	2094	18	161.1

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Terrelle Pryor	13	162	779	4.8	7	59.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
DeVier Posey	13	60	828	13.8	8	63.7

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Brian Rolle	13	37	58	95

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Cameron Heyward	13	6.5	43

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Ross Homan	5	44	8.8	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

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	9	Duron Carter (6-2, 198, So.)
WR	8	DeVier Posey (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	5	Taurian Washington (6-1, 181, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	43	Nathan Williams (6-3, 260, Jr.)
	98	Solomon Thomas (6-5, 226, Jr.)
LDT	72	Dexter Larimore (6-2, 310, Sr.)
	53	Garrett Goebel (6-3, 281, So.)
RDT	54	John Simon (6-2, 270, So.)
	93	Adam Bellamy (6-4, 295, Fr.)
RDE	97	Cameron Heyward (6-5, 288, Sr.)
	91	Melvin Fellows (6-5, 249, Fr.)
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	42	Andrew Sweat (6-2, 238, Jr.)
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	18	Travis Howard (6-0, 190, So.)
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	16	Zach Domicone (6-3, 211, So.)
SS	19	Orhian Johnson (6-2, 203, So.)
	26	Tyler Moeller (6-0, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	12	Devin Barclay (5-10, 204, Sr.)
P	17	Ben Buchanan (6-0, 195, So.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

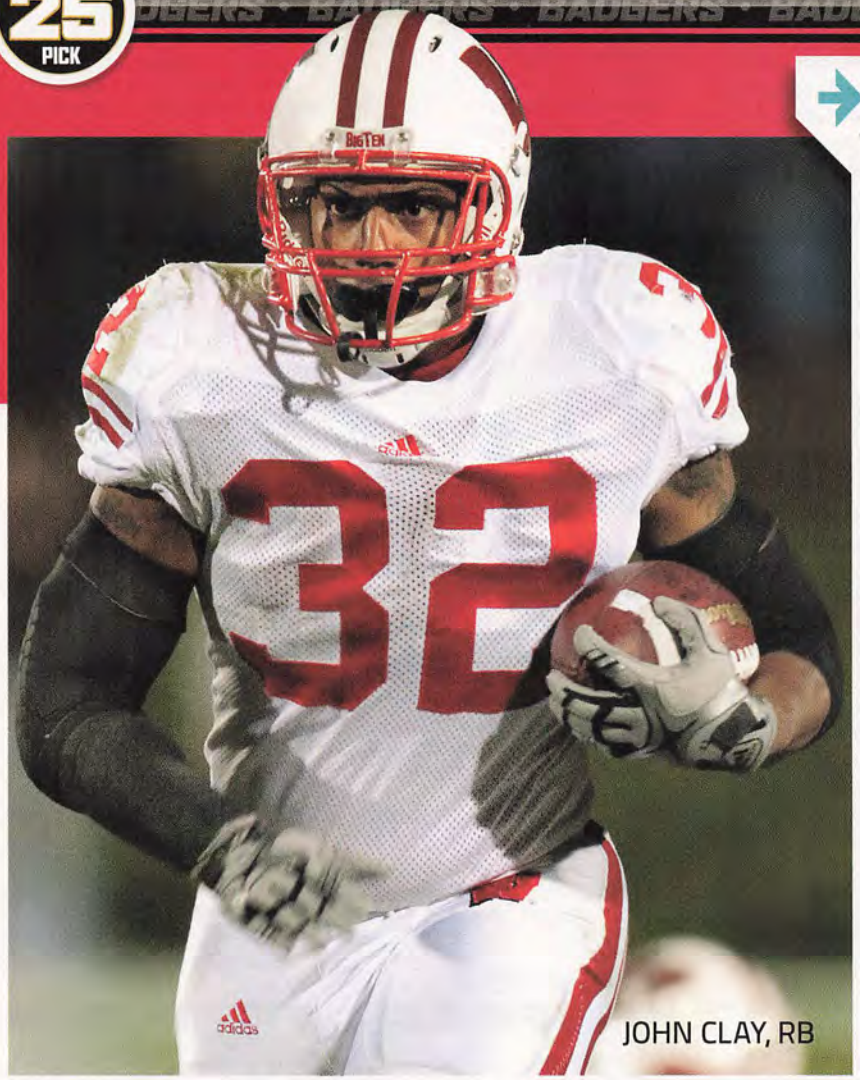
TEAM STATISTICS	OSU	OPP
SCORING	377	163
Points Per Game	29.0	12.5
FIRST DOWNS	250	189
Rushing	142	70
Passing	92	109
Penalty	16	10
RUSHING YARDAGE	2540	1180
Yards gained rushing	2885	1548
Yards lost rushing	345	368
Rushing Attempts	563	410
Average Per Rush	4.5	2.9
Average Per Game	195.4	90.8
TDs Rushing	20	8
PASSING YARDAGE	2257	2230
Att-Comp-Int	174-316-11	226-417-24
Average Per Pass	7.1	5.3
Average Per Catch	13.0	9.9
Average Per Game	173.6	171.5
TDs Passing	19	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	4797	3410
Total Plays	879	827
Average Per Play	5.5	4.1
Average Per Game	369.0	262.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	38-849	67-1422
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	40-319	9-49
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	24-337	11-143

TEAM STATISTICS	OSU	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	22.3	21.2
PUNT RETURN AVG.	8.0	5.4
INT RETURN AVG.	14.0	13.0
FUMBLES-LOST	18-7	24-11
PENALTIES-YARDS	71-561	67-581
Average Per Game	43.2	44.7
PUNTS-YARDS	62-2371	84-3486
Average Per Punt	38.2	41.5
Net punt average	36.8	35.8
TIME OF POSS./GAME	31:31	28:29
3RD-DOWN CONV.	81/193	58/188
3rd-Down Pct.	42%	31%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	4/9	11/18
4th-Down Pct.	44%	61%
SACKS BY-YARDS	30-198	24-186
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	44	19
FG-ATTEMPTS	21-30	10-17
PAT-ATTEMPTS	42-43	17-17
ATTENDANCE	736830	322859
Games/Avg Per Game	7/105261	7/80715
Neutral Site Games		2/82845

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Ohio State	82	115	93	84	3	377
Opponent	20	46	45	52	0	163

2 WISCONSIN BADGERS

TOP 25 PICK


JOHN CLAY, RB

BULLET POINTS

- John Clay will join the Heisman race with another big campaign behind a bruising Wisconsin line.
- The Badgers need to find some playmakers to replace end O'Brien Schofield.
- Don't fret about the tight end situation because Lance Kendricks is ready to step in for departed Garrett Graham.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@UNLV	
S.11	San Jose State	
S.18	Arizona State	
S.25	Austin Peay	
O.2	@MICHIGAN STATE	38-30
O.9	Minnesota	31-28
GAME TO WATCH		
O.16	**Ohio State**	**13-31**

The Badgers were outclassed by Ohio State last year after a 5-0 start and want to prove they are worthy of contention.

O.23	@IOWA	10-20
N.6	@PURDUE	37-0
N.13	Indiana	31-28
N.20	@MICHIGAN	45-24
N.27	Northwestern	31-33

BOWL PROJECTION

ORANGE BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
LANCE KENDRICKS, TE

Kendricks had a solid season in 2009 and should take a big step forward as a prime target for quarterback Scott Tolzien.

After a 2008 campaign that wasn't awe-inspiring, some were wondering whether Bret Bielema's early success had been a result of former coach Barry Alvarez's groundwork rather than Bielema's acumen. He answered those questions last year with a 10-win season and a bowl victory that has the Badgers among the top teams in the Big Ten this season.

A manageable nonconference schedule plus the absence of Penn State on the league slate means Wisconsin can focus on its back-to-back games against Ohio State and Iowa (in Iowa City) in October. Win those—or even split them—and the Badgers could be in Pasadena. Last year, Wisconsin began its campaign at 5-0, hoping for a good outcome against the Buckeyes and Hawkeyes, but lost both games by a combined 28 points and was not a factor in the conference from then on.

The key to the season will be replacing five starters on defense, because the Badger attack will be full of firepower, with 10 regulars returning. Wisconsin was one of just six teams in the country to average more than 200 yards per game on the ground and through the air, and could do that again in 2010.

It all begins with junior running back John Clay, who was last year's Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year. Clay banged his way to 1,517 yards and scored 18 times. Everybody knows the Badgers want to run the football, and with Clay around, they are dangerous doing so. The presence of sophomore Montee Ball, who gained 391 yards rushing in his debut campaign, and senior Zach Brown (279) give Bielema plenty of insurance, should Clay need time off.

The ground attack will be even more dangerous, thanks to the return of all five offensive line starters, most notably tackle Gabe Carimi and guard John

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Moffitt, who can also play center. Although sophomore center Peter Konz, guard Kevin Zeitler and junior tackle Josh Oglesby aren't as decorated as their first-team All-Big Ten counterparts, they saw plenty of time last year and were part of a line that not only opened big holes for Clay but protected senior quarterback Scott Tolzien.

As for Tolzien, talk about your surprises. Many expected him to be the Badger backup, but he ended up starting the whole year and leading the Big Ten in passing efficiency. And it wasn't because Wisconsin was throwing short passes. Tolzien completed 64.3 percent of his throws and amassed 2,705 yards through the air. Expect him to be even more accurate this season and to cut down on his interceptions (11).

Tolzien will miss tight end Garrett Graham, who caught 51 balls last year, but he does have junior Nick Toon (54 receptions) and senior Isaac Anderson (30) at his disposal. Expect senior Lance Kendricks (29) to move into Graham's spot at tight end and be productive.

The big question on the Badger defense is along the front four, where three starters have left. End J.J. Watt had a good 2009 campaign, registering 15.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks. But the loss of end O'Brien Schofield will hurt. It may take all three of the candidates for Schofield's job to replace him, because junior Louis Nzegwu and sophomores David Gilbert and Brendan Kelly aren't in his league. Inside, junior Patrick Butrym was a regular last year.

Leading tackler Jaevery McFadden is gone from the linebacker rotation, leaving a hole on the outside. Expect senior Culmer St. Jean (63 tackles) to return to the middle, while sophomores Mike Taylor and Chris Borland flank him. Each missed spring ball while rehabbing injuries, but they should be fine once the season starts.

Although three starters return in the secondary, the Badgers must do a better job of keeping enemy pass catchers out of the end zone. Rival quarterbacks completed 21 touchdown passes last year. The return of corners Devin Smith, Niles Brinkley and Antonio Fenelus, all of whom have experience, should tighten things up. Senior safety Jay Valai is a stalwart on the back line, but junior Aaron Henry has to step up at the free position.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Badgers failed to sign a four-star prospect for the first time since *Rivals.com* began its recruiting rankings with the 2002 class. In fact, from 2002-09, the Badgers have only signed an average of 2.75 four-star prospects. Despite signing 24 prospects in 2010, the lack of any four-star recruits placed them near the bottom of the Big Ten recruiting rankings.

Wisconsin, though, is proof you don't have to trade punches with Ohio State and other juggernauts on the recruiting trail to win on the football field. The Badgers have made eight straight bowl appearances, including four consecutive New Year's Day games from 2004-07.

There are potential stars in this class. Running back **James C. White** and defensive back **Peniel Jean** are two major steals from Florida.

The Badgers took care of business in Wisconsin, signing seven of the state's top 11 prospects. **Michael Trotter** is one of the best tackling safeties in the Midwest. His twin brother, Marcus, is a grayshirt signee for the Badgers and an absolute steal. Tight end **Marquis Mason** is an elite—but raw—athlete with NFL potential.

The middle of the defense will be stout in years to come with **Beau Allen** (6-2, 300 pounds) and **Bryce Gilbert** (6-2, 285).

—Greg Ladky, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-3 BIG TEN: 5-3
(beat Miami in the Champs Sports Bowl, 20-14)

Coach: Bret Bielema, 5th year (38-14)
Career record: 38-14
Offensive coordinator: Paul Chryst (6th year)
Defensive coordinator: Dave Doeren (3rd year)

Stadium: Camp Randall Stadium (80,321)
Tickets: 608-262-1440
Site: Madison
Official athletic Web site: www.uwbadgers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Scott Tolzien	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	13	143.0	328-211-11	64.3	2705	16	208.1

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
John Clay	13	287	1517	5.3	18	116.7

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Nick Toon	13	54	805	14.9	4	61.9

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Culmer St. Jean	13	23	40	63

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
J.J. Watt	13	4.5	19

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Niles Brinkley	4	66	16.5	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	16	Scott Tolzien (6-3, 208, Sr.)
	5	Jon Budmayr (6-0, 201, Fr.)
FB	34	Bradie Ewing (6-0, 230, Jr.)
	27	Kyle Zuleger (5-11, 181, Fr.)
RB	32	John Clay (6-1, 248, Jr.)
	28	Montee Ball (5-11, 234, So.)
LOT	68	Gabe Carimi (6-7, 315, Sr.)
	64	Robert Burge (6-7, 325, So.)
LOG	74	John Moffitt (6-5, 323, Sr.)
	79	Ryan Groy (6-5, 305, Fr.)
C	66	Peter Konz (6-5, 312, So.)
	72	Travis Frederick (6-4, 323, So.)
ROG	70	Kevin Zeitler (6-4, 312, So.)
	76	Bill Nagy (6-3, 318, Sr.)
ROT	67	Josh Oglesby (6-7, 331, Jr.)
	58	Ricky Wagner (6-6, 313, So.)
TE	84	Lance Kendricks (6-4, 239, Sr.)
	49	Brian Wozniak (6-4, 249, Fr.)
WR	6	Isaac Anderson (5-10, 175, Sr.)
	85	David Gilreath (5-11, 169, Sr.)
WR	1	Nick Toon (6-3, 211, Jr.)
	3	Kyle Jefferson (6-4, 181, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	93	Louis Nzegwu (6-4, 247, Jr.)
	51	Tyler Dippel (6-4, 252, Fr.)
LDT	95	Patrick Butrym (6-4, 293, Jr.)
	55	Eriks Briedis (6-4, 279, So.)
RDT	91	Jordan Kohout (6-3, 292, Fr.)
	75	Ethan Hemer (6-6, 291, Fr.)
RDE	99	J.J. Watt (6-6, 285, Jr.)
	11	David Gilbert (6-4, 237, So.)
SLB	53	Mike Taylor (6-2, 211, So.)
	37	Kevin Claxton (6-1, 218, Jr.)
MLB	15	Culmer St. Jean (6-0, 232, Sr.)
	41	Kevin Rouse (6-0, 228, Jr.)
WLB	44	Chris Borland (5-11, 232, So.)
	9	Blake Sorensen (6-1, 227, Sr.)
LCB	10	Devin Smith (5-11, 186, Jr.)
	29	Niles Brinkley (5-10, 191, Sr.)
RCB	26	Antonio Fenelus (5-9, 190, Jr.)
	14	Marcus Cromartie (6-1, 185, So.)
FS	7	Aaron Henry (6-0, 202, Jr.)
	24	Shelton Johnson (6-0, 182, So.)
SS	2	Jay Valai (5-9, 200, Sr.)
	13	Conor O'Neill (6-0, 200, Fr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	18	Philip Welch (6-3, 198, Jr.)
P	98	Brad Nortman (6-3, 208, Jr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	WISCONSIN	OPP
SCORING	413	283
Points Per Game	31.8	21.8
FIRST DOWNS	274	206
Rushing	135	67
Passing	129	124
Penalty	10	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	2650	1147
Yards gained rushing	2961	1561
Yards lost rushing	311	414
Rushing Attempts	581	397
Average Per Rush	4.6	2.9
Average Per Game	203.8	88.2
TDs Rushing	33	8
PASSING YARDAGE	2770	2827
Att-Comp-Int	218-340-12	215-385-15
Average Per Pass	8.1	7.3
Average Per Catch	12.7	13.1
Average Per Game	213.1	217.5
TDs Passing	16	21
TOTAL OFFENSE	5420	3974
Total Plays	921	782
Average Per Play	5.9	5.1
Average Per Game	416.9	305.7
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	52-999	64-1689
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	24-175	17-124
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	15-26	12-152

TEAM STATISTICS	WISCONSIN	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	19.2	26.4
PUNT RETURN AVG.	7.3	7.3
INT RETURN AVG.	1.7	12.7
FUMBLES-LOST	20-12	16-12
PENALTIES-YARDS	69-616	67-519
Average Per Game	47.4	39.9
PUNTS-YARDS	50-2090	62-2490
Average Per Punt	41.8	40.2
Net punt average	35.7	36.4
TIME OF POSS./GAME	33:55	26:05
3RD-DOWN CONV.	85/179	61/173
3rd-Down Pct.	47%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	8/12	8/20
4th-Down Pct.	67%	40%
SACKS BY-YARDS	37-248	23-154
MISC YARDS	0	-6
TDS SCORED	52	34
FG-ATTEMPTS	17-24	15-18
PAT-ATTEMPTS	50-52	30-30
ATTENDANCE	560764	264936
Games/Avg Per Game	7/80109	5/52987
Neutral Site Games		1/56747

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Wisconsin	66	174	74	89	10	413
Opponent	58	74	48	96	7	283

3 IOWA HAWKEYES

TOP 25 PICK

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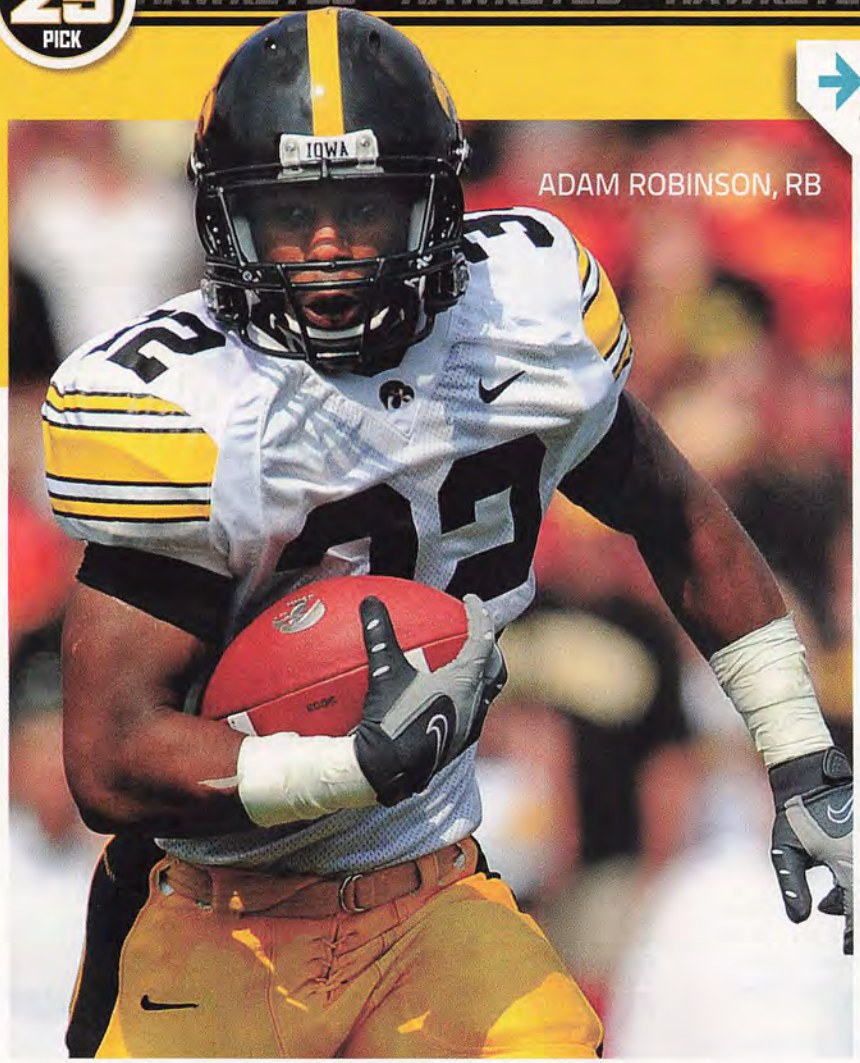

ADAM ROBINSON, RB

BULLET POINTS

- The Hawkeyes' front four could be the nation's best and will make Iowa extremely tough to run against.
- Ricky Stanzi was great in clutch situations last season, but his accuracy must improve this year.
- The return of running back Jewel Hampton bolsters what was a surprisingly solid ground game in '09.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Eastern Illinois	
S.11	Iowa State	35-3
S.18	@ARIZONA	27-17
S.25	Ball State	
O.2	Penn State	21-10
O.16	@MICHIGAN	30-28
O.23	Wisconsin	20-10
O.30	Michigan State	15-13
N.6	@INDIANA	42-24
N.13	@NORTHWESTERN	10-17
GAME TO WATCH		
N.20	Ohio State	24-27 (OT)
The Hawkeyes have a lot of work to do before this one, but the Big Ten title could be at stake here.		
N.27	@MINNESOTA	12-0

BOWL PROJECTION

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
TROY JOHNSON, LB

Johnson started one game last year and was named conference Defensive Player of the Week. He'll take over for the departed Pat Angerer in 2010.

For the first nine weeks of the 2009 season, Iowa's football team was an 85-man lucky charm. No matter what happened, the Hawkeyes couldn't avoid good luck. So what if Northern Iowa recovers the ball after Iowa blocks a field goal in the opener? Just block it again. Fall behind at home against Michigan? Stage a big second-half rally. Need some late magic versus Michigan State? How about a last-second touchdown pass? Indiana gets out to a big halftime lead? Pile it on after intermission.

By the time November dawned, the team had produced so much magic, Hawkeye fans thought they were supporting Hogwarts, not Iowa. While wizardry can help teams come from behind, it can't protect body parts. When Ricky Stanzi's ankle was shredded by angry Northwestern defenders, the Hawkeyes hoped it wouldn't break the spell. Alas, it did. Iowa lost to the Wildcats and fell to Ohio State in overtime, losing its chance for a perfect season and Big Ten title.

Stanzi is back, and that's a great place to start. But he has some work to do. The quarterback completed just 56.3 percent of his throws last year and tossed 15 interceptions. If the Hawkeyes are going to mount a serious challenge to Ohio State and hold off Wisconsin and Penn State, Stanzi must be more accurate and cut down on the picks to keep the team from falling into big early holes. Sophomore James Vandenberg, who stood in admirably for Stanzi when he was hurt, isn't yet ready to be a starter (48.3-percent accuracy, 2 TDs, 5 INTs).

Stanzi has the luxury of returning his top two targets in Derrell Johnson-Koulianos (45 catches, 16.7-yard average) and Marvin McNutt (34, 19.8). Depth should come from Colin Sandeman and Keenan Davis.

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The Iowa ground game, which has always been a key part of the Kirk Ferentz attack, should be better than it was last year. The biggest reason is the healthy return of sophomore Jewel Hampton, who tore his ACL last August. Last year, Adam Robinson moved into Hampton's spot and acquitted himself well, gaining 834 yards and scoring five times. Sophomore Brandon Wegher (641 yards, 8 TDs) had a strong first year and brings grit to the backfield. Put it together, and the Hawks have a tremendous ground attack—provided the offensive line comes around.

The losses of tackle Bryan Bulaga, honorable mention All-Big Ten tackle Kyle Calloway and Rafael Eubanks means some serious rebuilding is going on up front. Senior guard Julian Vandervelde is a stalwart, and the center spot is a toss up between Josh Koeppel and James Ferentz. Riley Reiff had a great first season and should contend for all-conference honors down the road. Junior Adam Gettis is the favorite entering fall to win the other guard spot.

If the Hawkeye offensive front wants to see how it stands, it should line up against the defensive line, which is ready to build on a solid 2009 campaign. Leading the way is senior end Adrian Clayborn (11.5 sacks, 20 tackles), who is one of the best in the nation at his position. Opposite Clayborn is Broderick Binns, who registered six sacks last year in his first season as a starter. Inside, Karl Klug is quick, and senior Christian Ballard is tough to move.

They'll have to be particularly stout, because the linebackers behind them aren't that experienced. The loss of middle man Pat Angerer will sting. Senior weakside linebacker Jeremiha Hunter was second on the team in tackles last year (89). Senior Troy Johnson, who made 20 tackles last season in a backup role, will likely step in for Angerer, while junior Tyler Nielsen is the top choice to replace A.J. Edds, who was a second-team All-Big Ten choice a year ago.

Had Amari Spievey not declared early for the NFL draft, the Hawkeye secondary would have been one of the best in the nation. Even without him, it will still be talented and experienced. Still, it will be hard to follow last year's performance, when the Hawks limited opposing passers to a 49.6 completion percentage, picked off 21 passes and allowed only nine scores through the air.

Safeties Tyler Sash (6 INTs) and Brett Greenwood (3) and cornerbacks Shaun Prater and Micah Hyde will see plenty of action in 2010.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Hawkeyes signed 21 players, including a quartet of four-star prospects from different states. **A.J. Derby** is the top-ranked in-state prospect. A star quarterback for Iowa City High School, Derby could also play safety, linebacker or receiver at the college level. Ohio offensive lineman **Andrew Donnal** and Illinois tight end **C.J. Fiedorowicz** were U.S. Army All-Americans. Running back **Marcus Coker,** from Maryland, is a good fit for the Big Ten with his combination of power and speed.

The incoming linebacker corps is a major strength of this class. **Austin Gray, James Morris** and **Jim Poggi** form a very strong trio. Derby and **Christian Kirksey**, another versatile athlete, could make the linebacker haul even stronger.

Iowa went out of state for three outstanding defensive tackles. **Carl Davis** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) is 6-5 and 300 pounds, and he could be a monster at defensive tackle or offensive guard. **Anthony Ferguson** (Baltimore) and **Donavan Johnson** (Arlington, Texas) will add size and athleticism to the middle of the Hawkeyes' defense.

—Greg Ladky, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 11-2 BIG TEN: 6-2
(beat Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl, 24-14)

Coach: Kirk Ferentz, 12th year (81-55)
Career record: 83-76
Offensive coordinator:
Ken O'Keefe (12th year)
Defensive coordinator:
Norm Parker (12th year)

Stadium: Kinnick Stadium (70,585)
Tickets: 800-IA-HAWKS
Site: Iowa City
Official athletic Web site:
www.hawkeyesports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Ricky Stanzi	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	11	131.62	304-171-15	56.3	2417	17	219.7

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Adam Robinson	11	181	834	4.6	5	75.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	12	45	750	16.7	2	62.5

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Jeremiha Hunter	12	35	55	90

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Adrian Clayborn	13	11.5	87

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Tyler Sash	6	203	33.8	1

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Ricky Stanzi (6-4, 230, Sr.)
	16	James Vandenberg (6-3, 212, So.)
FB	36	Brett Morse (6-3, 238, Sr.)
	47	Wade Leppert (6-0, 240, Jr.)
RB	32	Adam Robinson (5-9, 205, So.)
	3	Brandon Wegher (5-11, 206, So.)
LOT	77	Riley Reiff (6-6, 300, So.)
	69	Kyle Haganman (6-5, 285, Sr.)
LOG	63	Julian Vandervelde (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	50	Drew Clark (6-4, 288, Fr.)
C	67	Josh Koeppel (6-2, 273, Sr.)
	53	James Ferentz (6-2, 275, So.)
ROG	73	Adam Gettis (6-4, 280, Jr.)
	64	Cody Hundertmark (6-4, 285, Jr.)
ROT	56	Markus Zusevics (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	76	Nolan MacMillan (6-6, 288, Fr.)
TE	82	Allen Reisner (6-3, 248, Sr.)
	39	Brad Herman (6-5, 247, Jr.)
WR	15	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos (6-1, 200, Sr.)
	22	Colin Sandeman (6-1, 200, Sr.)
WR	7	Marvin McNutt (6-4, 215, Jr.)
	6	Keenan Davis (6-3, 215, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Adrian Clayborn (6-4, 285, Sr.)
	58	Lebron Daniel (6-2, 250, Jr.)
LDT	95	Karl Klug (6-4, 270, Sr.)
	54	Steve Bigach (6-3, 272, So.)
RDT	46	Christian Ballard (6-5, 297, Sr.)
	93	Mike Daniels (6-1, 275, Jr.)
RDE	91	Broderick Binns (6-2, 261, Jr.)
	79	Dominic Alvis (6-4, 240, Fr.)
SLB	45	Tyler Nielsen (6-4, 235, Jr.)
	33	Jeff Tarpinian (6-3, 238, Sr.)
MLB	48	Troy Johnson (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	57	Bruce Davis (6-0, 232, Jr.)
WLB	42	Jeremiha Hunter (6-2, 235, Sr.)
	33	Jeff Tarpinian (6-3, 238, Sr.)
LCB	28	Shaun Prater (5-11, 180, Jr.)
	2	Greg Castillo (5-11, 180, So.)
RCB	18	Micah Hyde (6-1, 185, So.)
	10	William Lowe (5-10, 172, Jr.)
FS	30	Brett Greenwood (6-0, 200, Sr.)
	29	Nick Nielsen (6-3, 210, So.)
SS	9	Tyler Sash (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	13	Tom Donatell (6-2, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	1	Daniel Murray (5-10, 185, Sr.)
P	5	Ryan Donahue (6-3, 190, Sr.)

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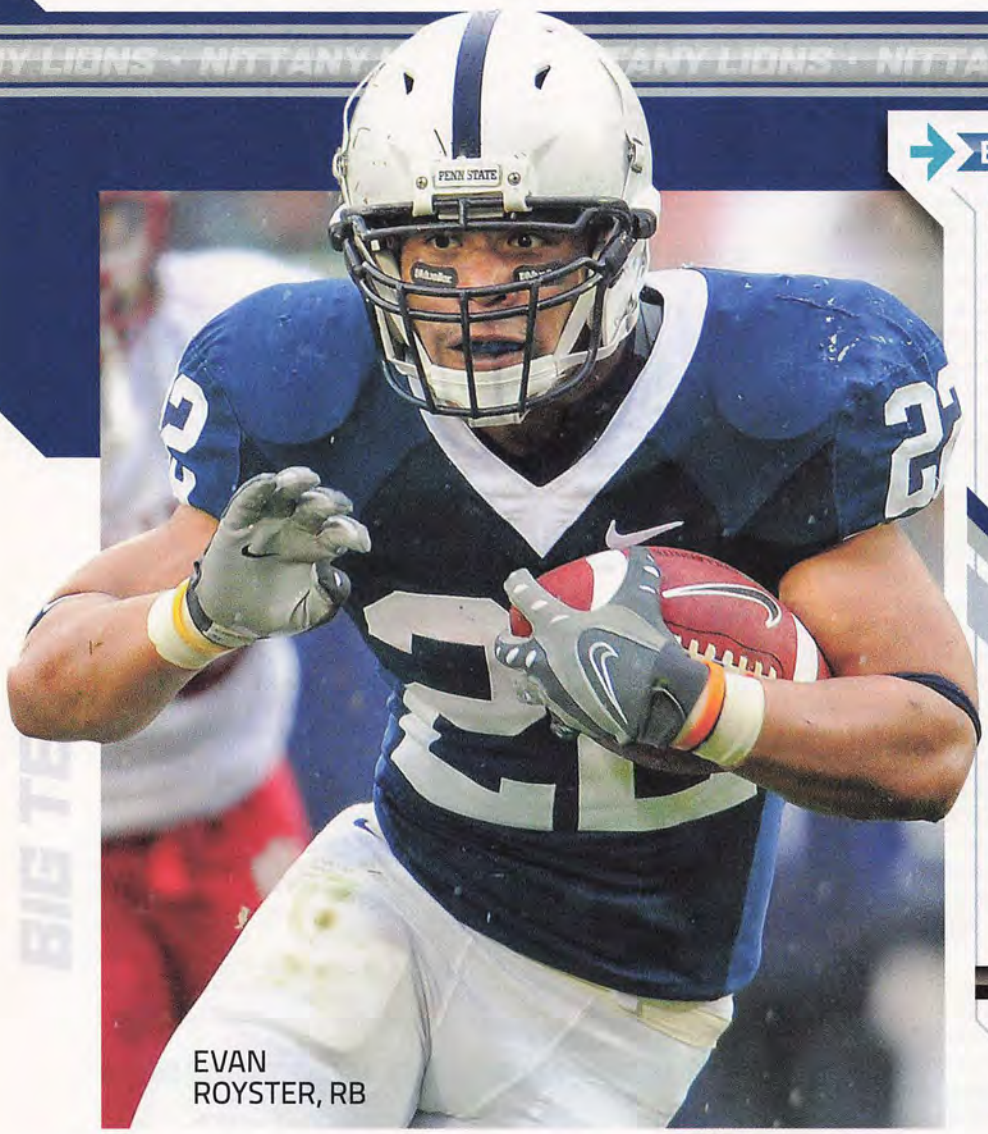
2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA	OPP
SCORING	301	200
Points Per Game	23.2	15.4
FIRST DOWNS	232	195
Rushing	94	85
Passing	117	98
Penalty	21	12
RUSHING YARDAGE	1485	1607
Yards gained rushing	1880	1892
Yards lost rushing	395	285
Rushing Attempts	454	461
Average Per Rush	3.3	3.5
Average Per Game	114.2	123.6
TDs Rushing	13	9
PASSING YARDAGE	2887	1988
Att-Comp-Int	213-392-20	190-383-21
Average Per Pass	7.4	5.2
Average Per Catch	13.6	10.5
Average Per Game	222.1	152.9
TDs Passing	19	9
TOTAL OFFENSE	4372	3595
Total Plays	846	844
Average Per Play	5.2	4.3
Average Per Game	336.3	276.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	40-918	59-1083
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	30-225	23-131
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	21-307	20-338

TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	23.0	18.4
PUNT RETURN AVG.	7.5	5.7
INT RETURN AVG.	14.6	16.9
FUMBLES-LOST	11-8	20-9
PENALTIES-YARDS	57-447	72-619
Average Per Game	34.4	47.6
PUNTS-YARDS	61-2496	78-3164
Average Per Punt	40.9	40.6
Net punt average	37.1	36.4
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:59	29:01
3RD-DOWN CONV.	70/183	71/199
3rd-Down Pct.	38%	36%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	2/12	8/16
4th-Down Pct.	17%	50%
SACKS BY-YARDS	31-187	29-232
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	35	23
FG-ATTEMPTS	19-26	13-21
PAT-ATTEMPTS	32-33	23-23
ATTENDANCE	491499	422314
Games/Avg Per Game	7/70214	5/84463
Neutral Site Games		1/66131

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Iowa	71	48	61	121	0	301
Opponent	54	65	16	62	3	200

4 PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS


EVAN ROYSTER, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Kevin Newsome is the expected starter at QB, but don't be shocked if the Lions turn to a freshman to replace Darryl Clark.
- Losing three starters at linebacker would hurt some schools, but Penn State has options.
- The new QB will benefit from RB Evan Royster and a deep crop of wideouts.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Youngstown State	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.11	@ALABAMA	
It will be a great test for the young Lions and their new quarterback when they take on the defending national champions.		
S.18	Kent State	
S.25	Temple	31-6
O.2	@IOWA	10-21
O.9	Illinois	35-17
O.23	@MINNESOTA	20-0
O.30	Michigan	35-10
N.6	Northwestern	34-13
N.13	@OHIO STATE	7-24
N.20	@INDIANA*	31-20
N.27	Michigan State	42-14

** at Landover, Md.*

BOWL PROJECTION

OUTBACK BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
KEVIN NEWSOME, QB

Big and mobile, Newsome only lacks experience to become an elite spread triggerman.

It was the end of an era in Happy Valley this offseason when Penn State coach Joe Paterno jettisoned the old-fashioned black glasses for newfangled frames that made him look younger and un-Paterno like. In the grand scheme, it wasn't a big deal, but it sure will make the coach appear different on the sidelines this season.

That won't be the only new look for the Nittany Lions in 2010. Those accustomed to seeing stalwarts such as Daryll Clark, Navorro Bowman and Jeremy Boone must get to know a lot of new players. And it will be interesting to see if Penn State can hold on to its Big Ten status with a new quarterback, a rebuilt offensive line and a fresh trio of starting linebackers. Paterno's latest revival, which featured a trip to Pasadena and three 11-win seasons in the past five years, could hit a bump. But last year's team had to replace 13 starters and had some areas of worry, and it fared OK.

The difference between 2009 and this season is that Clark is gone under center, and the Lions will likely go with untested Kevin Newsome to run the Spread HD attack that has become so dangerous. Newsome takes over having thrown just 11 passes (8 completions) during his freshman debut. He has good size and is mobile, but it's tough to push for a conference title with a green quarterback.

If Newsome doesn't start, the position will be even younger, since Paterno could turn the attack over to freshmen Paul Jones or Robert Bolden. That would be a surprise, especially since Penn State visits Alabama in its second game.

Newsome will be surrounded by a lot of talent, beginning with senior running back Evan Royster, who passed up the NFL draft after gaining 1,169 yards and averaging 5.7 yards per carry last year. Royster is a durable back who can handle 20 to 25 carries a game, which is good news if Newsome has trouble in the air.

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The return of junior Stephfon Green (319 rushing yards) is more good news, because he can hit home runs. True freshman Silas Redd, who enrolled early, could also see time.

The receiving situation is excellent, as Derek Moye (48 catches), Graham Zug (46) and Chaz Powell (28) are all back. Sophomore Curtis Drake has big-play potential on the outside, and freshman Alex Kenney is a highly regarded newcomer. There is, however, reason for concern at tight end, where Andrew Quarless and Mickey Schuler have graduated. The likely incumbent is junior Andrew Szczerba, but he caught just one pass last year.

The line loses standouts in tackles Dennis Landolt and Ako Poti. But center Stefen Wisniewski has proven himself to be a strong pivot, while guards Lou Eliades, DeOn'tae Pannell and Johnnie Troutman played well last season. Pannell could find his way to Landolt's left tackle spot, but sophomore Mike Farrell and junior Chimaeze Okoli were holding down the tackle spots at the end of spring.

Since Penn State is known as "Linebacker U.," many people think Paterno and defensive coordinator Tom Bradley just roll out a new star every time somebody moves on. Well, it's unlikely the warehouse has an easy replacement for Bowman, who left a year early for the NFL draft. He made 17 tackles for loss last year and was a big-play man all season.

If sophomore Michael Mauti rebounds from a torn ACL suffered last August, he'll supplant senior Chris Colasanti in the middle. Expect senior Bani Gbadyu and junior Nathan Stupar to take over the outside spots, giving the Lions a few solid replacements for last year's leaders.

Up front, the loss of tackle Jared Odrick (7 sacks) will be huge. He was a terror in the middle and will be tough to replace. Senior Ollie Ogbu made eight tackles for loss from the tackle spot, while junior Jack Crawford had 14.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks. Sophomores Jordan Hill and James Terry are the leading candidates for Odrick's job.

The safety job is strong this year thanks to the return of juniors Drew Astorino and Nick Sukay. D'Anton Lynn proved to be effective at one corner, but the Lions have to find a replacement for A.J. Wallace on the other side. It could be Stephon Morris or Derrick Thomas.

RECRUITING REPORT

Coach Joe Paterno can still recruit with the best of them. Penn State is bringing in the Big Ten's top-ranked recruiting class and the No. 12 class in the country.

The Nittany Lions did it by hitting the Atlantic East with great success. Running back **Silas Redd** and linebacker **Khairi Fortt** are both *Rivals100* prospects from Connecticut. Maryland product **Zach Zwinak** was the nation's second-best fullback and could also be a standout at linebacker. Tight end **Kyle Baublitz** and defensive end **Dakota Royer** are two of the best from eastern Pennsylvania.

More important, however, Penn State reclaimed turf in western Pennsylvania. Ohio State, Pittsburgh and Notre Dame have had success in the Pittsburgh area in recent years, but the Nittany Lions fought back in this class by landing a trio of four-star prospects from that half of the state who are all future stars: offensive tackle **Thomas Ricketts**, center **Miles Dieffenbach** and quarterback **Paul Jones**.

Jones will be joined in the quarterback group by another four-star passer, **Robert Bolden**. The 6-4 dual-threat QB from the Detroit area was the No. 3 prospect in Michigan. Penn State also signed defensive end **C.J. Olaniyan** out of Detroit, another four-star recruit and the No. 6 overall prospect in Michigan.

—Greg Ladky, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 11-2 BIG TEN: 6-2
(beat LSU in the Capital One Bowl, 19-17)

Coach: Joe Paterno, 45th year (392-131-3)
Career record: 392-131-3
Offensive coordinator: Galen Hall (7th year)
Defensive coordinator: Tom Bradley (11th year)

Stadium: Beaver Stadium (107,282)
Tickets: 800-833-5533
Site: University Park
Official athletic Web site: www.gopsusports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Kevin Newsome	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	8	123.13	11-8-0	72.7	66	0	8.3

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Evan Royster	13	205	1169	5.7	6	89.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Derek Moye	12	48	785	16.4	6	65.4

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Drew Astorino	13	37	25	62

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Jack Crawford	13	5.5	44

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Nick Sukay	2	34	17.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Kevin Newsome (6-2, 220, So.)
	11	Matthew McGloin (6-1, 204, So.)
RB	22	Evan Royster (6-1, 213, Sr.)
	21	Stephfon Green (5-10, 197, Jr.)
LOT	78	Mike Farrell (6-6, 298, So.)
	75	Eric Shrive (6-6, 298, Fr.)
LOG	50	DeOn'tae Pannell (6-5, 300, Jr.)
	74	Johnnie Troutman (6-4, 309, Jr.)
C	61	Stefen Wisniewski (6-3, 297, Sr.)
	68	Doug Klopacz (6-3, 284, Sr.)
ROG	77	Lou Eliades (6-4, 310, Sr.)
	67	Quinn Barham (6-3, 290, Jr.)
ROT	66	Chimaeze Okoli (6-4, 293, Jr.)
	58	Adam Gress (6-6, 275, Fr.)
TE	80	Andrew Szczerba (6-6, 260, Jr.)
	18	Brennan Coakley (6-4, 235, Sr.)
WR	6	Derek Moye (6-5, 198, Jr.)
	83	Brett Brackett (6-6, 232, Sr.)
WR	2	Chaz Powell (6-1, 197, Jr.)
	7	Curtis Drake (5-11, 169, So.)
WR	5	Graham Zug (6-2, 183, Sr.)
	20	Devon Smith (5-7, 153, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	56	Eric Latimore (6-6, 270, Jr.)
	90	Sean Stanley (6-1, 232, So.)
LDT	47	Jordan Hill (6-1, 305, So.)
	72	James Terry (6-3, 303, So.)
RDT	85	Ollie Ogbu (6-1, 285, Sr.)
	71	Devon Still (6-5, 294, Jr.)
RDE	81	Jack Crawford (6-5, 256, Jr.)
	44	Kevion Latham (6-2, 254, Jr.)
SLB	34	Nathan Stupar (6-1, 236, Jr.)
	33	Michael Yancich (6-2, 223, So.)
MLB	48	Chris Colasanti (6-2, 238, Sr.)
	42	Michael Mauti (6-2, 231, So.)
WLB	15	Bani Gbadyu (6-1, 231, Sr.)
	6	Gerald Hodges (6-2, 220, So.)
LCB	4	Evan Lewis (5-10, 175, So.)
	2	Chaz Powell (6-1, 197, Jr.)
RCB	12	Stephon Morris (5-8, 182, So.)
	8	D'Anton Lynn (6-1, 198, Jr.)
FS	1	Nick Sukay (6-1, 213, Jr.)
	7	Cedric Jeffries (6-2, 205, Sr.)
SS	28	Drew Astorino (5-10, 194, Jr.)
	13	Andrew Dailey (6-2, 217, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	36	Collin Wagner (5-9, 173, Sr.)
P	49	Ryan Breen (6-2, 237, Jr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
SCORING	375	159
Points Per Game	28.8	12.2
FIRST DOWNS	273	192
Rushing	114	76
Passing	142	105
Penalty	17	11
RUSHING YARDAGE	2207	1168
Yards gained rushing	2418	1548
Yards lost rushing	211	380
Rushing Attempts	467	410
Average Per Rush	4.7	2.8
Average Per Game	169.8	89.8
TDs Rushing	20	6
PASSING YARDAGE	3083	2400
Att-Comp-Int	241-397-10	217-401-14
Average Per Pass	7.8	6.0
Average Per Catch	12.8	1.1
Average Per Game	237.2	184.6
TDs Passing	25	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	5290	3568
Total Plays	864	811
Average Per Play	6.1	4.4
Average Per Game	406.9	274.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	38-729	63-1372
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	29-144	20-308
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	14-276	10-49

TEAM STATISTICS	PSU	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	19.2	21.8
PUNT RETURN AVG.	5.0	15.4
INT RETURN AVG.	19.7	4.9
FUMBLES-LOST	18-17	11-9
PENALTIES-YARDS	56-406	72-604
Average Per Game	31.2	46.5
PUNTS-YARDS	59-2419	85-3321
Average Per Punt	41.0	39.1
Net punt average	31.7	36.4
TIME OF POSS./GAME	32:37	27:23
3RD-DOWN CONV.	88/182	61/192
3rd-Down Pct.	48%	32%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	3/6	5/15
4th-Down Pct.	50%	33%
SACKS BY-YARDS	37-223	17-103
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	47	17
FG-ATTEMPTS	15-22	13-18
PAT-ATTEMPTS	46-46	16-16
ATTENDANCE	856066	277564
Games/Avg Per Game	8/107008	4/69391
Neutral Site Games		1/63025

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Penn State	71	129	85	90	0	375
Opponent	30	34	27	68	0	159

5 PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

RYAN KERRIGAN, DE

It may not be fair to put all of the Boilermakers' hopes on one player, but the arrival of Miami transfer Robert Marve has Purdue fans expecting a more potent offense than last year's attack, which wasn't too shabby. Marve, who looked strong during spring practice, will help squire a young Purdue team into what it hopes will be a bright future. If the Boilers can get sharper on defense, particularly against the run, and cut back on their 29 turnovers (including 15 lost fumbles), they should be able to challenge for a bowl berth.

Marve tore his ACL last year after transferring from Miami. The time off might have given him some time to think about his future, which needs to be improved from his past. At Miami, Marve struggled in the classroom and with several discipline problems. He has the talent but lacks focus. It appears he has found it, though the big-armed, mobile junior could lose the job to sophomore Caleb TerBush, who also looked strong in spring play.

The return of Keith Smith, who caught 91 passes and scored six times last year, will help either quarterback. He'll team with tight end Kyle Adams and wideouts Keith Carlos, Gary Bush and Cortez Smith in a strong rotation.

It wasn't the best spring to be a Purdue running back. Last year's standout, Ralph Bolden (935 rushing yards) tore his ACL on March 31. Al-Terek McBurse suffered a hairline fracture in his arm, and senior Dan Dierking nursed a hyperextended knee. McBurse and Dierking will be ready by the fall, and McBurse needs to realize the potential he showed on special teams last year.

Guard Ken Plue and tackle Dennis Kelly return to anchor a line that now has some holes.

There are huge problems in the secondary, where all four starters are gone. The Boilermakers hope junior college newcomer Michael Eargle will help immediately at corner, while sophomore Josh Johnson showed promise there last year. Junior Albert Evans is a favorite at one safety spot.

The linebacking corps is solid, albeit changed. Sophomore Dwayne Beckford has moved into the middle, pushing Chris Carlino to the strong side, while Joe Holland is back to play the weak role. They'll work behind a line that includes standout end Ryan Kerrigan, who had 13 sacks and 18.5 tackles for loss last year. On the other side, junior Gerald Gooden has plenty of potential, while returning tackle Kawann Short had an impressive debut.

Kicker Carson Wiggs made 14 field goals last year but hit just eight of 14 attempts from longer than 40 yards. He could also wind up with the punting job.

THE NEXT BIG THING
ROBERT MARVE, QB

The Miami transfer will be given the keys to Purdue's attack and is expected to behave and produce.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 BIG TEN: 4-4

Coach: Danny Hope, 2nd year (5-7)
Career record: 5-7
Offensive coordinator: Gary Nord (2nd year)
Defensive coordinators: Donn Landholm (2nd year), Gary Emanuel (1st year)

Stadium: Ross-Ade Stadium (62,500)
Tickets: 765-494-3194
Site: West Lafayette, Ind.
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5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@NOTRE DAME	21-24
S.11	Western Illinois	
S.18	Ball State	
S.25	Toledo	52-31
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	Northwestern	21-27

The Boilermakers want to get back to the postseason, and beating Northwestern would be a big step toward that goal.

O.16	Minnesota	20-35
O.23	@OHIO STATE	26-18
O.30	@ILLINOIS	24-14
N.6	Wisconsin	0-37
N.13	Michigan	38-36
N.20	@MICHIGAN STATE	37-40
N.27	Indiana	38-21

BOWL PROJECTION

INSIGHT BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Miami transfer QB Robert Marve has a history of offseason trouble to quell.
- No matter how good the offense is, Purdue must get nastier on defense.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Robert Marve (6-1, 210, Jr.)
RB	5	Al-Terek McBurse (6-1, 198, So.)
LOT	68	Dennis Kelly (6-8, 291, Jr.)
LOG	72	Justin Pierce (6-4, 310, Sr.)
C	76	Rick Schmeig (6-3, 300, So.)
ROG	73	Ken Plue (6-7, 322, Jr.)
ROT	77	Ryan Prater (6-5, 286, Sr.)
TE	85	Kyle Adams (6-4, 251, Sr.)
WR	3	Waynelle Gravesande (6-0, 182, Jr.)
WR	8	Keith Smith (6-2, 226, Sr.)
WR	81	Cortez Smith (6-2, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	97	Gerald Gooden (6-3, 235, Jr.)
LDT	49	Adam Brockman (6-3, 255, Jr.)
RDT	93	Kawann Short (6-4, 310, So.)
RDE	94	Ryan Kerrigan (6-4, 263, Sr.)
SLB	47	Chris Carlino (6-2, 215, Jr.)
MLB	3	Dwayne Beckford (6-3, 223, So.)
WLB	30	Joe Holland (6-1, 220, Jr.)
LCB	10	Michael Eargle (6-0, 165, Jr.)
RCB	28	Josh Johnson (5-11, 185, So.)
FS	32	Albert Evans (6-0, 206, Jr.)
SS	20	Gavin Roberts (6-1, 211, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	37	Carson Wiggs (6-0, 202, Jr.)
P	37	Carson Wiggs (6-0, 202, Jr.)

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RATING THE RECRUITS

1
O.J. Ross
WR, 5-10, 175
He catches the ball well in traffic and is best after the catch. Ross will bring big-play potential to Purdue's offense.

2
Sean Robinson
QB, 6-5, 205
Robinson is a dual-threat quarterback who runs very well for his size. He has plenty of arm strength as well.

3
Bruce Gaston Jr.
DT, 6-2, 290
A big and athletic interior defensive lineman, Gaston consistently makes plays in the other team's backfield.

4
Ricardo Allen
CB, 5-9, 170
Allen, one of the top 30 cornerbacks in the nation, chose Purdue over Clemson, Michigan, North Carolina and West Virginia.

5
Rashad Frazier
DE, 6-6, 225
Frazier is a raw prospect with limited experience, but he has a tremendous frame and could become a monster defensive end.

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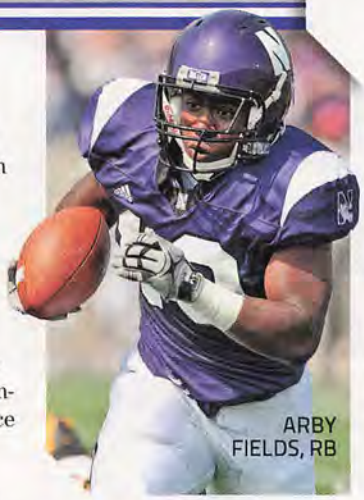
6 NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS


ARBY FIELDS, RB

It's hard to believe—given the decades of futility suffered by Wildcat coaches, players and fans—that Northwestern stands on the threshold of becoming a perennial bowl team and consistent winner. Under coach and alumnus Pat Fitzgerald, the Purple are on a roll, winning 27 games and playing in a couple postseason contests.

After years of hit-or-miss success, it's not unrealistic for Northwestern fans to have expectations regarding this season. Even though NU must replace quarterback Mike Kafka, his two top receivers and three defensive backfield starters, there is enough talent returning and in the pipeline to secure another bowl appearance and make a run at a first-division Big Ten finish.

Replacing Kafka is the main concern on offense, but Fitzgerald is confident junior Dan Persa, who completed 20 passes in 2009, will move into the starting position. Persa is mobile and accurate, which is what the Wildcat offense needs.

It also requires help at running back. Although a bevy of backs return, none stood out in 2009, and the Cats managed just 117.5 yards per game on the ground. Junior Scott Concannon and sophomore Arby Fields had the bulk of the carries last year, and the return from injury of Alex Daniel (ankle) should help, too. Look out for redshirt freshman Mike Trumpy and heralded recruit Adonis Smith, who shows up this summer.

They'll operate behind a line that returns five starters led by junior tackle Al Netter, a third-year starter, center Ben Burkett and left guard Keegan Grant. But no such depth exists at receiver, where senior Sidney Stewart (42 catches) and junior "superback" Drake Dunsmore (47) return. The task will be replacing Andrew Brewer (16.2 yard-per-catch average, 9 TDs).

The Wildcats' front seven has plenty of talent, most notably tackle Corbin Bryant (2.5 sacks) and end Vince Browne (5 sacks). Top tackler Quentin Davie is a fixture at one outside linebacker position, while fellow senior Nate Williams is stout in the middle. Junior Ben Johnson could inherit the other outside spot.

Since opposing quarterbacks completed 59.2 percent of their passes last year against Northwestern, the Wildcats need to tighten up in the defensive backfield. Junior corner Jordan Mabin and junior safety Brian Peters are the returning stalwarts. But the Wildcats will miss first-team all-league safety Brad Phillips and Sherrick McManis (5 INTs). Fitzgerald hopes junior David Arnold, a converted linebacker, can help at safety, while Demetrius Dugar and Jeravin Matthews will slug it out at the other corner, with Justan Vaughn backing the corps.

Senior Stefan Demos, who made 18 of 25 field goal tries last year, may give up his dual role as the team's kicker and punter. He'll face some competition from Jeff Budzien and Brandon Williams for the punting job.

THE NEXT BIG THING
ADONIS SMITH, RB

On a team that needs a boost in the running game, the heralded freshman could make an early impact.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@VANDERBILT	
S.11	Illinois State	
S.18	@RICE	
S.25	Central Michigan	
O.2	@MINNESOTA	24-35
O.9	Purdue	27-21
GAME TO WATCH		
O.23	**Michigan State**	**14-24**

The Wildcats may not get into the upper reaches of the league, but this game could position them as the Best of the Rest.

O.30	@INDIANA	29-28
N.6	@PENN STATE	13-34
N.13	Iowa	17-10
N.20	Illinois*	21-16
N.27	@WISCONSIN	33-31

** at Wrigley Field, Chicago*

BOWL PROJECTION
GATOR BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 BIG TEN: 5-3
(lost to Auburn in the Outback Bowl, 38-35)

Coach: Pat Fitzgerald, 5th year (27-23)
Career record: 27-23
Offensive coordinator: Mick McCall (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Mike Hankwitz (3rd year)

Stadium: Ryan Field (49,256)
Tickets: 847-491-CATS
Site: Evanston, Ill.
Official athletic Web site: www.nusports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

BULLET POINTS

- Don't worry about the QB position because Dan Persa is ready to step in.
- The running game must improve, and a deep stable of backs and an experienced line should make that happen.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Dan Persa (6-1, 210, Jr.)
RB	20	Scott Concannon (5-10, 190, Jr.)
LOT	75	Al Netter (6-6, 300, Jr.)
LOG	63	Keegan Grant (6-2, 300, Sr.)
C	65	Ben Burkett (6-4, 285, Jr.)
ROG	64	Doug Bartels (6-4, 300, Jr.)
ROT	70	Patrick Ward (6-7, 285, So.)
SB	9	Drake Dunsmore (6-3, 235, Jr.)
WR	5	Sidney Stewart (6-1, 185, Sr.)
WR	11	Jeremy Ebert (6-0, 180, Jr.)
WR	84	Drew Moulton (5-11, 175, Fr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	88	Quentin Williams (6-4, 240, So.)
LDT	61	Andrew Struckmeyer (6-2, 245, Jr.)
RDT	98	Corbin Bryant (6-4, 285, Sr.)
RDE	94	Vince Browne (6-5, 265, Jr.)
SLB	41	Quentin Davie (6-4, 230, Sr.)
MLB	44	Nate Williams (6-2, 235, Sr.)
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RCB	3	Jeravin Matthews (5-11, 175, Jr.)
FS	10	Brian Peters (6-4, 215, Jr.)
SS	49	Scott Lilja (5-10, 185, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	1	Stefan Demos (5-10, 185, Sr.)
P	1	Stefan Demos (5-10, 185, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Brandon Vitabile
C, 6-3, 298
Vitabile was one of the nation's best centers. He's strong, tough, very bright and has the tools to direct Northwestern's offensive line.

2
Rashad Lawrence
WR, 6-2, 195
He's a smooth route runner who moves effortlessly. With good height and strong hands, Lawrence is an inviting target for quarterbacks.

3
Kain Colter
ATH, 6-1, 185
Colter will get a shot at quarterback, but if that does not work out he is good enough to play receiver or defensive back.

4
Chi Chi Ariguzo
LB, 6-3, 215
Ariguzo will bring unique athleticism and a high football IQ to the Wildcats' linebacker corps.

5
Jimmy Hall
WR, 6-1, 185
Hall will fill a need at receiver. He battled a high-ankle sprain his senior year but had nearly 1,000 yards receiving as a junior.

COURTESY STEPHEN J. CARRERA / NORTHWESTERN

MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS 7

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Western Michigan	49-14
S.11	Florida Atlantic*	
S.18	Notre Dame	30-33
S.25	Northern Colorado	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	**Wisconsin**	**30-38**

The Spartans will get a good test in their Big Ten opener and will find out quickly if they are ready to rebound.

O.9	@MICHIGAN	26-20 (OT)
O.16	Illinois	24-14
O.23	@NORTHWESTERN	24-14
O.30	@IOWA	13-15
N.6	Minnesota	34-42
N.20	Purdue	40-37
N.27	@PENN STATE	14-42

** at Detroit, MI*

BOWL PROJECTION

TEXAS BOWL

KIRK COUSINS, QB

When Mark Dantonio took over at Michigan State in 2007, everybody expected an end to the bone-headed mistakes on the field and the poor off-field behavior that characterized previous administrations. Then came the 2009 season and the November brawl that preceded the Spartans' bowl loss to Texas Tech.

Michigan State enters this year in need of upgrades on and off the field. Dantonio is ready to move forward, having suspended the perpetrators and even said goodbye to a couple. But the focus is now on football, and the Spartans have to get better, especially on defense, where Pat Narduzzi's unit was generous last year.

At least State can rely on senior linebacker Greg Jones, who returns for his final season to make a run at the Big Ten's Defensive Player of the Year honor. Jones is a stalwart who can do everything, and it will be interesting to watch him in the 3-4 this year, which will be featured more often, thanks to State's surfeit of linebackers. Joining Jones on the second line are senior Eric Gordon and sophomore Chris Norman. It will be interesting to see what Narduzzi does with 6-7 freshman William Gholston, who could play end or outside linebacker.

Up front, the Spartans have some talent in sophomore tackle Jerel Worthy and end Colin Neely. The safety tandem of senior Marcus Hyde and junior Trenton Robinson is proven and productive, and corner Chris L. Rucker is a senior with potential, provided he can steer clear of trouble after his role in the fight. Whoever plays in the defensive backfield must make more plays on the ball, as Michigan State picked off just six passes last year.

By fall, the MSU offense should be in good shape. For now, it's in flux, partly because receivers Mark Dell and B.J. Cunningham are working their way back through the depth chart after the November slugfest. They'll be joined by former quarterback Keith Nichol, who showed promise during the Alamo Bowl. Tight ends Charlie Gantt and Brian Linthicum block well and can get downfield.

Nichol's move gives junior Kirk Cousins security under center. He had a strong debut, completing 60.4 percent of his passes. Now, he must become more consistent in getting the ball downfield. A pair of talented sophomore backs, Larry Caper and Edwin Baker, will help Nichols move the chains. Caper is a banger, while Baker can get loose in the open field. Both need to be more reliable, or they risk losing time to newcomer Nick Hill, who is also good in the return game.

Junior guard Joel Foreman leads the rebuilt line, which returns only two starters from a unit that performed well last year.

Senior Aaron Bates is a reliable punter, but kicking duties are up for grabs, as he wasn't stellar there last year.

THE NEXT BIG THING
WILLIAM GHOLSTON, LB/DE

The freshman might be eased into the defensive rotation this year, but he has the potential to be a dynamic pass rusher.

BULLET POINTS

- The Spartans need to rebound both on the field and off it, too.
- Linebacker Greg Jones brings NFL-type production to the Spartans' defense.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	8	Kirk Cousins (6-3, 202, Jr.)
FB	44	Josh Rouse (6-3, 235, Sr.)
RB	22	Larry Caper (5-11, 220, So.)
LOT	59	D.J. Young (6-5, 315, Sr.)
LOG	67	Joel Foreman (6-4, 306, Jr.)
C	66	John Stipek (6-5, 292, Sr.)
ROG	62	Chris McDonald (6-5, 295, So.)
ROT	75	Jared McGaha (6-6, 295, Jr.)
TE	83	Charlie Gantt (6-5, 255, Sr.)
WR	7	Keith Nichol (6-2, 220, Jr.)
WR	82	Keshawn Martin (5-11, 185, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	52	Denzel Drone (6-2, 252, Fr.)
LDT	96	Kevin Pickelman (6-4, 278, Jr.)
RDT	93	Blake Treadwell (6-3, 277, So.)
RDE	89	Colin Neely (6-1, 245, Jr.)
SLB	43	Eric Gordon (6-0, 228, Sr.)
MLB	53	Greg Jones (6-1, 235, Sr.)
WLB	10	Chris Norman (6-1, 225, So.)
LCB	5	Johnny Adams (5-11, 170, So.)
RCB	32	Mitchell White (6-1, 172, So.)
FS	39	Trenton Robinson (5-10, 190, Jr.)
SS	11	Marcus Hyde (6-0, 202, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	17	Kevin Muma (6-0, 180, Fr.)
P	18	Aaron Bates (6-0, 198, Sr.)

Sporting News All-American

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-7 BIG TEN: 4-4
(lost to Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl, 41-31)

Coach: Mark Dantonio, 4th year (22-17)
Career record: 40-34
Offensive coordinator: Don Treadwell (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Pat Narduzzi (4th year)

Stadium: Spartan Stadium (75,005)
Tickets: 800-GO-STATE
Site: East Lansing
Official athletic Web site: www.msuspartans.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — William Gholston
LB/DE, 6-7, 237
He played linebacker in high school and, physically, is one of the best-looking prospects in the country.

2 — Skyler Schofner
OT, 6-7, 276
Schofner is an old-school tough guy; a brawler with great size and a competitive attitude.

3 — Max Bullough
LB, 6-3, 225
Bullough, who committed to Michigan State in October of his junior season, held early offers from Notre Dame, UCLA and Iowa.

4 — Isaiah Lewis
S, 5-11, 190
He sat out most of his senior season with a knee injury, but Lewis has great recognition skills.

5 — Joe Boisture
QB, 6-6, 202
Boisture has been battling back issues, but he has elite pro-style quarterback tools: height, a nice arm and accuracy as a passer.

COURTESY MATTHEW MITCHELL / MICHIGAN STATE ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

8 MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

TATE FORCIER, QB

If there is a coach under more fire than Rich Rodriguez, he had better have a hook-and-ladder truck on call, because the Wolverines' boss enters his third year in Ann Arbor with a win-or-else mandate.

Michigan posted its worst Big Ten finish in 47 years last season, and only a controversial win over Indiana prevented the Wolverines from posting zero wins in conference play. The Wolverines offense was inconsistent under the leadership of freshman quarterback Tate Forcier, while the defense was more philanthropic than Bill Gates.

As the 2010 season dawns, Rodriguez is convinced his Wolverines have the talent—much of it young—to take significant strides forward. The question is what threshold the restless Wolverine fan base has for continued pain. Another empty postseason will be intolerable, but it's tough to say whether a six-win campaign and Alamo Bowl invitation will prevent the townsfolk from storming the football office carrying torches and pitchforks.

At least the quarterback situation is clear—sort of. Forcier had some awful moments last season, like that four-interception debacle against Ohio State. But he engineered the comeback win over Notre Dame and pulled his team into overtime at Michigan State, even though the Spartans won. He has to worry about fellow sophomore Denard Robinson, who would be dangerous if he could pass consistently. Incoming freshman Devin Gardner could push for time as well.

The Wolverine skill group is a mixed bag. Receivers Roy Roundtree and Martavious Odoms have big-play potential, but the backfield is thin on experience. Junior Michael Shaw and sophomore Vincent Smith have speed but not much time on their résumés. At least they'll be working behind a solid line, as three full-time and two part-time starters return to a deep unit.

Depth does not describe the Wolverines' defense. There aren't many proven playmakers around, either. Gone is end Brandon Graham, a tackle-for-loss machine, and corner Donovan Warren, who led the team with four picks last season.

End Mike Martin and nose tackle Ryan Van Bergen will hold down the front, with help from sophomore William Campbell, but there is no one close to Graham's level. Senior Obi Ezeh had a good offseason and should reclaim the starting linebacker job he lost to Kevin Leach late last year. Jonas Mouton is expected to make big contributions at linebacker, while sophomore Craig Roh had a strong debut and will be a force off the edge.

The defensive backfield boasts numbers but little proven talent. Corner Troy Woolfolk and safety Brandin Hawthorne have potential, but safety Jordan Kovacs needs to give up fewer big plays.

THE NEXT BIG THING
CRAIG ROH, LB

The sophomore can get off the edge and find the passer, and he has the speed to track down ballcarriers across the field.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Connecticut	
S.11	@NOTRE DAME	38-34
S.18	Massachusetts	
S.25	Bowling Green	
O.2	@INDIANA	36-33
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	**Michigan State**	**20-26 (OT)**

If the Wolverines have any hope of a turnaround, they need to beat the Spartans, who underachieved in 2009.

O.16	Iowa	28-30
O.30	@PENN STATE	10-35
N.6	Illinois	13-38
N.13	@PURDUE	36-38
N.20	Wisconsin	24-45
N.27	@OHIO STATE	10-21

BULLET POINTS

- Expect sophomore QB Tate Forcier to eliminate many of the mistakes that torpedoed the Wolverines last season.
- Despite better athletes, the Wolverine defense doesn't look much better than it did last year and could be worse.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 BIG TEN: 1-7

Coach: Rich Rodriguez, 3rd year (8-16)
Career record: 113-77-2
Offensive coordinator: Calvin Magee (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Greg Robinson (2nd year)

Stadium: Michigan Stadium (107,501)
Tickets: 734-764-0247
Site: Ann Arbor
Official athletic Web site: www.mgoblue.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	5	Tate Forcier (6-1, 194, So.)
FB	44	Mark Moundros (6-1, 234, Sr.)
RB	2	Vincent Smith (5-6, 169, So.)
LOT	63	Rocko Khoury (6-4, 291, So.)
LOG	52	Stephen Schilling (6-5, 303, Sr.)
C	75	Michael Schofield (6-7, 281, Fr.)
ROG	65	Patrick Omameh (6-4, 293, So.)
ROT	79	Perry Dorrestein (6-7, 305, Sr.)
TE	86	Kevin Koger (6-4, 251, Jr.)
WR	22	Darryl Stonum (6-2, 193, Jr.)
WR	12	Roy Roundtree (6-0, 169, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	39	Will Heininger (6-6, 271, Jr.)
NT	53	Ryan Van Bergen (6-6, 280, Jr.)
RDE	68	Mike Martin (6-2, 294, Jr.)
LOLB	88	Craig Roh (6-5, 249, So.)
LILB	45	Obi Ezeh (6-2, 240, Sr.)
RILB	8	Jonas Mouton (6-2, 228, Sr.)
ROLB	23	Floyd Simmons (6-0, 197, So.)
LCB	14	Teric Jones (5-9, 194, So.)
RCB	29	Troy Woolfolk (6-0, 186, Sr.)
FS	40	Michael Williams (5-11, 190, Jr.)
SS	32	Jordan Kovacs (6-0, 200, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	92	Jason Olesnavage (6-5, 212, Sr.)
P	41	Zoltan Mesko (6-5, 238, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Cullen Christian
CB, 6-0, 180
He was one of the nation's best cornerbacks and is big enough to play safety, too. He will help an ailing pass defense right away.

2
Devin Gardner
QB, 6-4, 195
Gardner is the perfect fit for Michigan's offensive system. He has a live arm, good wheels and oozes leadership skills.

3
Demar Dorsey
S, 6-1, 175
Dorsey is a fast defensive back who not only has outstanding coverage ability but also provides support against the run.

4
Ken Wilkins
DE, 6-3, 244
Wilkins has the strength to play defensive end and the speed to play linebacker. Regardless, he'll help the defense at any position.

5
Marvin Robinson
OLB, 6-1, 190
He could be a speedy and hard-hitting strong safety or bring a lot of athleticism to Michigan's linebacker group.

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ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI 9

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	Missouri*	9-37

Illinois will learn right out of the chute whether it has solved its quarterback problem. If not, it could be in for a long season.

S.11	Southern Illinois	
S.18	Northern Illinois	
O.2	Ohio State	0-30
O.9	@PENN STATE	17-35
O.16	@MICHIGAN STATE	14-24
O.23	Indiana	14-27
O.30	Purdue	14-24
N.6	@MICHIGAN	38-13
N.13	Minnesota	35-32
N.20	@NORTHWESTERN**	16-21
D.3	@FRESNO STATE	52-53

*At St. Louis
** at Wrigley Field, Chicago

BULLET POINTS

- After two losing seasons, Ron Zook needs success, or his buyout won't help.
- New defensive coordinator Vic Koenning must rehabilitate a unit that was awful at the end of '09.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Jacob Charest (6-4, 215, So.)
RB	21	Jason Ford (6-0, 235, Jr.)
LOT	71	Jeff Allen (6-5, 305, Jr.)
LOG	66	Randall Hunt (6-6, 315, Sr.)
C	61	Tyler Sands (6-5, 305, So.)
ROG	73	Jack Cornell (6-5, 315, Jr.)
ROT	72	Hugh Thornton (6-5, 310, So.)
TE	40	London Davis (6-4, 255, So.)
WR	11	Jarred Fayson (6-0, 215, Sr.)
WR	10	Eddie McGee (6-4, 210, Sr.)
WR	82	Fred Sykes (6-0, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	85	Whitney Mercilus (6-3, 265, So.)
LDT	93	Corey Liuget (6-3, 300, Jr.)
RDT	98	Daryle Ballew (6-1, 310, Jr.)
RDE	97	Clay Nurse (6-3, 260, Sr.)
SLB	18	Nate Bussey (6-2, 220, Sr.)
MLB	2	Martez Wilson (6-4, 250, Jr.)
WLB	38	Ian Thomas (6-0, 240, Jr.)
LCB	3	Tavon Wilson (6-0, 205, Jr.)
RCB	12	Terry Hawthorne (6-0, 185, So.)
FS	32	Supo Sanni (6-3, 220, Jr.)
SS	31	Travon Bellamy (6-0, 205, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	13	Derek Dimke (6-0, 180, Jr.)
P	87	Anthony Santella (6-2, 190, Sr.)

JASON FORD, RB

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-9 BIG TEN: 2-6

Coach: Ron Zook, 6th year (20-39)
Career record: 44-53
Offensive coordinator: Paul Petrino (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Vic Koenning (1st year)

Stadium: Memorial Stadium (69,249)
Tickets: 866-ILLINI-1
Site: Champaign
Official athletic Web site: www.fightingillini.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

So, what do you do when the wolf is at the door, and the faithful are starting to realize what the folks at your old job knew and the main thing saving you from the bread line is a fat buyout?

You fire your assistants, of course.

That's what happened in Champaign after last year's awful 3-9 campaign. Now head coach Ron Zook moves into his sixth season at Illinois at a crossroads. If things don't improve, it could be time to move on. Zook hopes the addition of new offensive coordinator Paul Petrino (and two other offensive coaches) will jump-start an attack that floundered last year, despite veteran quarterback Juice Williams and big-play receiver Arrelious Benn.

First, Zook must find a quarterback from among three candidates. The only one who saw time last season was sophomore Jacob Charest, who completed 50 percent of his 56 attempts in 2009 and is a pocket passer. Redshirt freshman Nathan Scheelhaase is a spread-option quarterback, while true freshman Chandler Whitmer is a precise thrower. The winner has the honor of opening the season against Missouri.

Junior Mikel Leshoure had three 100-yard games at the end of 2009 and has breakaway potential. Jason Ford is another good ground weapon. The Illini were hoping sophomore Justin Green could add even more pop to the rushing attack, but he broke his ankle during a spring scrimmage, and his future is in question.

The move of QB Eddie McGee to wideout should bolster a receiving corps that lacks depth. Up front, the loss of Jon Asamoah hurts, but tackle Hugh Thornton is promising and Jeff Allen and Ryan Palmer are experienced holdovers.

New coordinator Vic Koenning brings his attacking eight-man front to Champaign and will try to avert his eyes from last year's final two games, when Illinois surrendered 102 points. The return of linebacker Martez Wilson from a neck injury will help. Trulon Henry, a junior college hitter, will fortify the defensive backfield.

Up front, senior Clay Nurse had a team-high 10.5 tackles for loss last year, while tackle Corey Liuget had eight. If tackle Josh Brent gets his academic act together at Parkland College and is eligible in the fall, he'll help against the run. Ian Thomas had to play in the middle last year in Wilson's stead, but he'll be back outside this season, where he is better suited. Expect junior Russell Ellington to provide depth.

Junior Tavon Wilson and sophomore Terry Hawthorne have promise at corner.

Junior Derek Dimke made all five of his field goal tries a year ago and showed a strong leg, while senior Anthony Santella was a reliable punter.

THE NEXT BIG THING
MIKEL LESHOURE, RB

Leshoure closed last year with a trio of 100-yard games and looks to become a much-needed meal ticket in the backfield this season.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Chandler Whitmer
QB, 6-1, 185
He won the accuracy award at the prestigious Elite 11 quarterback camp. Whitmer is a smart and consistent performer.

2
Darius Millines
WR, 6-0, 180
Millines played quarterback his senior season. He chose Illinois over several offers from ACC and SEC teams.

3
Earnest Thomas
DB, 6-2, 195
He's a versatile defender who can play safety, but he makes a big impact as a tackler near the line of scrimmage.

4
Jonathan Brown
LB, 6-1, 225
Brown is a hard-hitting inside linebacker with the speed to make tackles sideline to sideline.

5
Shawn Afryl
OG, 6-3, 301
A top offensive lineman in Illinois, Afryl drives defenders into the ground with a nasty attitude on the field.

COURTESY ILLINOIS SPORTS INFORMATION

10 MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

ADAM WEBER, QB

The Gophers look at 2009 as a series of near misses, from late-game stumbles to that Insight Bowl mess against Iowa State. Even though coach Tim Brewster has followed his 1-11 debut with 7-6 and 6-7 records, respectively, there is still some restlessness in Minneapolis, where a new stadium and moderate success are good starts but not enough to engender confidence. It didn't help that the offense's best weapon, wideout Eric Decker, suffered a broken foot in the eighth game of the season. Without Decker, the Gopher attack stagnated.

Brewster's challenge this year will be on defense, where nine starters are gone after progress was made last season. Not that there aren't questions on offense. They begin at quarterback, where both of last year's signal-callers return. Last season was supposed to be a huge one for Adam Weber, but the junior took a step back, completing just 52 percent of his throws with 15 interceptions and only 13 touchdowns. There was talk during spring about sophomore MarQueis Gray being primed to take over under center. But a strong performance by Weber reestablished him as the Gophers quarterback.

With Gray backing Weber at QB, the receiver spots will be left to juniors Troy Stoudermire (26 catches, 2 TDs) and Da'Jon McKnight (17, 0). The Gophers were counting on sophomore Bryant Allen to help, but he broke his ankle during spring drills. He should be ready for summer camp, though. Junior Brandon Green (21, 1) will also be counted on.

The running back situation is steady, but that's not great news, since neither junior Duane Bennett nor sophomore Kevin Whaley were impressive in 2009. Both showed flashes of talent but little consistency and could see their time cut when freshman Devon Wright arrives this fall. It doesn't help that Bennett and Whaley toiled behind a shaky offensive line last year. While all five starters are back, the senior-laden unit must improve.

With so many starters gone on defense, at least the Gophers could count on returning safeties Kim Royston and Kyle Theret, or so they thought. Theret was suspended for drunk driving, and Royston broke his ankle during the spring. Both are expected back this fall, but so much for the safety net.

The front seven remains a mystery, mostly. Junior linebackers Keanon Cooper and Gary Tinsley have proven themselves capable of making plays, while classmate Brandon Kirksey was able to get into opposing backfields at tackle last year.

Ryan Collado moved to corner from safety and has plenty of experience, while Michael Carter has good skills and speed on the outside. If Theret and Royston can't go, look for junior college transfer Christyn Lewis and Kenny Watkins to get a shot, along with juco import Herschel Thornton.

THE NEXT BIG THING
MICHAEL CARTER, CB

The Gophers need lots of help on defense, and the sophomore has the speed and skills to help fortify Minnesota against the pass.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE	
S.11	South Dakota	
S.18	USC	
S.25	Northern Illinois	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	**Northwestern**	**35-24**

The Wildcats visit before Minnesota embarks on a tough stretch that includes two road games and back-to-back contests against Penn State and Ohio State.

O.9	@WISCONSIN	28-31
O.16	@PURDUE	35-20
O.23	Penn State	0-20
O.30	Ohio State	7-38
N.6	@MICHIGAN STATE	42-34
N.13	@ILLINOIS	32-35
N.27	Iowa	0-12

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-7 BIG TEN: 3-5
(lost to Iowa State in the Insight Bowl, 14-13)

Coach: Tim Brewster, 4th year (14-24)
Career record: 14-24
Offensive coordinators: Thomas Hammock (1st year), Jeff Horton (1st year)
Defensive coordinators: Kevin Cosgrove (2nd year), Ronnie Lee (2nd year)

Stadium: TCF Bank Stadium (50,300)
Tickets: 800-UGOPHER
Site: Minneapolis
Official athletic Web site: www.gophersports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY
Conference Title · Bowl · National Title

BULLET POINTS

- The Gophers must replace nine starters on defense, now we'll see if Tim Brewster's recruiting classes can deliver.
- Adam Weber must improve or lose his quarterback job to MarQueis Gray.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	8	Adam Weber (6-3, 221, Sr.)
RB	22	Duane Bennett (5-9, 203, Jr.)
LOT	76	Dominic Alford (6-3, 336, Sr.)
LOG	68	Chris Bunders (6-3, 322, Jr.)
C	53	D.J. Burris (6-2, 290, Sr.)
ROG	73	Matt Carufel (6-5, 302, Sr.)
ROT	71	Jeff Wills (6-7, 365, Sr.)
TE	88	Collin McGarry (6-4, 235, Sr.)
WR	11	Troy Stoudermire (5-10, 183, Jr.)
WR	83	Da'Jon McKnight (6-3, 200, Jr.)
WR	1	Brandon Green (6-0, 183, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	97	Anthony Jacobs (6-2, 289, Jr.)
LDT	96	Brandon Kirksey (6-2, 295, Jr.)
RDT	68	Jewhan Edwards (6-2, 333, Jr.)
RDE	99	Ra'shede Hageman (6-6, 272, r-Fr.)
SLB	4	Keanon Cooper (6-0, 210, So.)
MLB	17	Sam Maresh (6-3, 247, r-Fr.)
WLB	51	Gary Tinsley (6-1, 220, Jr.)
LCB	6	Michael Carter (5-11, 163, So.)
RCB	9	Chrystian Lewis (6-2, 175, Jr.)
FS	26	Mike Rallis (6-2, 210, So.)
SS	3	Kim Royston (5-11, 193, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	37	Eric Ellestad (6-3, 204, Sr.)
P	37	Eric Ellestad (6-3, 204, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Jimmy Gjere
OT, 6-7, 275
A U.S. Army All-American, Gjere is a good athlete and should add plenty of weight to his tall frame.

2 — Lamonte Edwards
ATH, 6-2, 215
Classified as an "athlete," Edwards could be a bruising running back with some speed or an excellent outside linebacker.

3 — Tom Parish
QB, 6-3, 200
Parish is a big passer with good running skills and a great quarterback pedigree—his father and grandfather played QB at Wisconsin.

4 — Marquise Hill
WR, 6-0, 165
Hill is a versatile, speedy player who can contribute at multiple positions. He's best at wide receiver and is dangerous after the catch.

5 — James Manuel
S, 6-2, 200
Manuel played on Indiana's 5A state title team in 2009. He can play safety or grow into a speedier linebacker at the college level.

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INDIANA HOOSIERS 11

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Towson	
S.18	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	
S.25	Akron	38-21
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	Michigan	33-36

The Hoosiers are still miffed about last year's loss in Ann Arbor and need to beat their fellow second-division foe to help their turnaround hopes.

O.9	@OHIO STATE	14-33
O.16	Arkansas State	
O.23	@ILLINOIS	27-14
O.30	Northwestern	28-29
N.6	Iowa	24-42
N.13	@WISCONSIN	28-31
N.20	Penn State*	20-31
N.27	@PURDUE	21-38

At Landover, Md.

BULLET POINTS

- QB Ben Chappell had a strong debut and has the targets to post big numbers.
- Indiana's defense will show some 3-4 configurations in an attempt to improve third-down efficiency.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	4	Ben Chappell (6-3, 239, Sr.)
RB	28	Darius Willis (6-0, 225, So.)
LOT	72	Andrew McDonald (6-6, 304, Jr.)
LOG	70	Justin Pagan (6-5, 332, Jr.)
C	60	Will Matte (6-2, 295, So.)
ROG	79	Cody Faulkner (6-5, 315, Sr.)
ROT	73	James Brewer (6-8, 335, Sr.)
TE	41	Max Dedmond (6-5, 255, Jr.)
WR	1	Terrance Turner (6-3, 210, Sr.)
WR	88	Damarlo Belcher (6-5, 215, Jr.)
WR	2	Tandon Doss (6-3, 195, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	44	Darius Johnson (6-0, 255, Jr.)
LDT	97	Larry Black (6-2, 309, So.)
RDT	98	Adam Replogle (6-3, 290, So.)
RDE	55	Deonte Mack (6-3, 285, Sr.)
SLB	48	Leon Beckum (5-11, 226, Jr.)
MLB	46	Tyler Replogle (6-2, 238, Sr.)
WLB	42	Chad Sherer (6-0, 225, So.)
LCB	23	Adrian Burks (6-0, 185, Sr.)
RCB	10	Donnell Jones (5-10, 210, Jr.)
FS	29	Chris Adkins (6-1, 195, Jr.)
SS	5	Mitchell Evans (6-3, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	99	Nick Freeland (5-11, 198, So.)
P	12	Chris Hagerup (6-5, 206, Jr.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 BIG TEN: 1-7

Coach: Bill Lynch, 4th year (14-23)
Career record: 51-76
Offensive coordinator: Matt Canada (4th year)
Defensive coordinators: Brian George (6th year), Joe Palcic (6th year)

Stadium: Memorial Stadium (49,225)
Tickets: 866-IUSPORTS
Site: Bloomington
Official athletic Web site: www.iuhoosiers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

There are two ways to look at the Hoosiers entering the 2010 season. The first is to consider the 2009 woes—a weak ground attack, rotten third-down defense and a generous secondary—and conclude that trouble will continue in Bloomington again this year. The second is to focus on the near misses against Michigan, Wisconsin and Northwestern and figure the team was a touchdown away from a 7-5 record.

Coach Bill Lynch is taking the second route. Not that he has a choice, since the fourth-year coach has a 14-23 record at Indiana and needs prosperity to protect his position. So he'll focus on the eight returning offensive starters and a defense that mixes up 4-3 and 3-4 looks in an attempt to be more effective late in games.

The offense should be good, provided the Hoosiers can shore up the line and improve the running game. The returns of center Will Matte, right tackle James Brewer and left guard Justin Pagan are a good start, but senior Cody Faulkner and junior Andrew McDonald must step up quickly, or Indiana will again be pass-heavy.

If the line is solid, sophomore Darius Willis (607 yards, 6 TDs) will thrive, assuming he stays healthy. Senior Trea Burgess is a line smasher, and true freshman Antonio Banks could help.

If the Hoosiers have to throw, that's no problem, since senior Ben Chappell returns after a strong 2009. Chappell completed 62.6 percent of his throws for 2,941 yards, 17 scores and 15 interceptions. This season, he'll try to increase his accuracy and scoring strikes. That might not be easy, since the Hoosiers lack a deep threat. Tandon Doss (77 catches, 5 TDs) and Damarlo Belcher (61, 5) are productive, but neither got deep too often last year. Senior Terrance Turner is a solid possession type, while redshirt freshmen Duwyce Wilson and Jamonne Chester have the speed to make a difference.

The Hoosiers are thin through the back seven, where only two starters return: middle linebacker Tyler Replogle (80 tackles) and corner Donnell Jones. That's the reason the Hoosiers shifted three players from offense to the defensive backfield and brought in junior college linebacker Jeff Thomas and cornerback Lenyatta Kiles. Indiana hopes Mitchell Evans, who has moved from safety to running back to safety again, can handle the duties, and Matt Ernest, who pitched for the Hoosier nine this spring, could make a difference at corner.

Up front, tackles Larry Black and Adam Replogle can stuff the middle and get into opposing backfields. But there is a need at end since Greg Middleton and Jammie Kirlew have left. Darius Johnson has one job, while Deonte Mack will fight off Fred Jones and Eric Thomas on the other side.

THE NEXT BIG THING
JEFF THOMAS, LB

The junior college import arrived on campus for spring drills and brought a much-needed intensity to a defense that must get more consistent.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Andre Kates
DB, 5-11, 197
Kates is a junior college corner-back who will give the Hoosiers' defensive back-field more speed, coverage and tackling ability.

2
Ishmael Thomas
LB, 6-4, 210
A rangy linebacker prospect from the fertile Detroit area, Thomas could grow into a dominating pass rusher.

3
Tim O'Conner
WR, 6-4, 190
O'Conner is a tall target with good hands who will be a reliable receiver for the Hoosiers. He is also an out-standing baseball player.

4
Jeff Thomas
LB, 6-1, 240
Thomas recorded 91 tackles and 15 tackles for loss in just 10 junior college games last season.

5
Chase Hoobler
LB, 6-3, 225
An old-school middle linebacker from Ohio, Hoobler closes on the ball, plugs holes and finishes tackles with authority.

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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

BIG 12

STOCK REPORT ▲ UP ▼ DOWN ◆ STEADY

NORTH

1 ▲ Nebraska
2 ◆ Kansas
3 ▲ Missouri
4 ▼ Colorado
5 ▼ Iowa State
6 ▲ Kansas State

SOUTH

1 ◆ Texas
2 ▲ Oklahoma
3 ▲ Texas A&M
4 ◆ Texas Tech
5 ◆ Baylor
6 ▼ Oklahoma State

Last year's Big 12 title game portends a new defensive style

By Blair Kerkhoff, *Kansas City Star*

The offensive freak shows that largely defined and entertained the Big 12 may be a thing of the past.

Players who posted the eye-popping numbers—and the coaches who scripted the plays—have moved along.

Eras have closed for record-breaking quarterbacks such as Colt McCoy, Sam Bradford, Zac Robinson and Todd Reesing.

The guru of the modern spread offense, Mike Leach, was bounced from Texas Tech.

Defense is looking like the new theme, and no game better demonstrated the philosophical shift than last year's Big 12 championship encounter when Texas outlasted Nebraska 13-12 in a contest that featured one touchdown, 10 sacks (nine by the Cornhuskers), 17 punts and 308 combined total yards.

Mostly, the Big 12 trend seems to be about balance. Defense and offense. Running and passing.

Some of the top returning players on the offensive side are running backs, including Kansas State's Daniel Thomas and Oklahoma State's Kendall Hunter. Last year's second-team all-conference quarterback, Texas A&M's Jerrod Johnson, is the league's best dual threat.

On defense, teams that lost the highest-profile linemen—Nebraska with Ndamukong Suh and Oklahoma with Gerald McCoy—remain strong up front with Jared Crick and Jeremy Beal, respectively. The Sooners may also have the league's top overall defender in linebacker Travis Lewis. And there appears to be no shortage of good defensive backs this year.

ALL-BIG 12

OFFENSE

QB › Jerrod Johnson, Sr., Texas A&M
RB › Kendall Hunter, Sr., Oklahoma State
RB › Daniel Thomas, Sr., Kansas State
OL › Kyle Hix, Sr., Texas
OL › Nate Solder, Sr., Colorado
OL › Ryan Miller, Jr., Colorado
OL › Dan Hoch, Jr., Missouri
OL › Tanner Hawkinson, So., Kansas
TE › Mike McNeill, Sr., Nebraska
WR › Ryan Broyles, Jr., Oklahoma
WR › Scotty McKnight, Sr., Colorado

DEFENSE

DL › Aldon Smith, So., Missouri
DL › Jeremy Beal, Sr., Oklahoma
DL › Jared Crick, Jr., Nebraska
DL › Sam Acho, Sr., Texas
LB › Von Miller, Sr., Texas A&M
LB › Travis Lewis, Jr., Oklahoma
LB › Brian Duncan, Sr., Texas Tech
DB › Curtis Brown, Sr., Texas
DB › Markelle Martin, Jr., Oklahoma State
DB › Prince Amukamara, Sr., Nebraska
DB › Emmanuel Lamur, Jr., Kansas State

SPECIALISTS

K › Grant Ressel, Jr., Missouri
P › Tress Way, So., Oklahoma

RATING THE BIG 12

Fastest Receiver
Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma

Best Hands
Scotty McKnight, WR, Colorado

Best Passing QB
Blaine Gabbert, Missouri

Best Running QB
Jerrod Johnson, Texas A&M

Most Elusive RB
Kendall Hunter, Oklahoma State

Best Instincts
Daniel Thomas, RB, Kansas State

Best Athlete
Robert Griffin, Baylor, QB

Best Under Pressure
Grant Ressel, K, Missouri

Top NFL Prospect
Jared Crick, DT, Nebraska

Top Impact Freshman
Jackson Jeffcoat, DE, Texas

Hardest Hitter
Travis Lewis, LB, Oklahoma

Biggest Underachiever
Phil Taylor, DT, Baylor

Best Interview
Paul Rhoads, Iowa State

Best Coach
Bill Snyder, Kansas State

Best Recruiter
Mack Brown, Texas

Worst Road Trip
Iowa State (in November)

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Jeremy Crabtree, *Rivals.com*

1. TEXAS It was another fantastic class by Mack Brown, who seemingly gets any player he wants out of Texas—the state with the most talent. A few positions that are particularly strong in this class are wide receiver, defensive line and linebacker.

2. OKLAHOMA The Sooners landed a prototypical big quarterback, two explosive running backs, a game-breaking wide receiver and a ton of help on both sides of the line.

3. TEXAS A&M With commitments from four of the top six offensive linemen in Texas, the Aggies have a great foundation for their offense.

4. MISSOURI Two talented quarterbacks—James Franklin and Tyler Gabbert—highlight this class.

5. NEBRASKA Nebraska recruited a nice mix of athleticism and physicality. The physicality comes from massive junior college offensive tackle Jermarcus Hardrick. Athletically, the class is highlighted by running back Braylon Heard.

6. OKLAHOMA STATE Two similarly athletic and productive quarterbacks in Johnny Deaton and Nathan Sorenson lead the list of signees. Justin Gilbert, who played quarterback in high school, may be the most explosive athlete in the class and one of the more exciting players entering the Big 12.

7. BAYLOR There was a time when Baylor's presence near the middle of the pack in the Big 12 would be considered a huge accomplishment. But under Art Briles, it has become expected.

8. TEXAS TECH There were some clear obstacles the Red Raiders had to overcome after a sudden coaching change, but Tommy Tuberville responded nicely to the challenge and landed a solid class.

9. KANSAS The Jayhawks closed strong by luring four-star running back Brandon Bourbon away from Stanford.

10. IOWA STATE In Paul Rhoads' first full year to recruit, he signed a full class of 28 prospects that was heavy on the offensive line and at the skill positions.

11. KANSAS STATE The formula that has worked for Bill Snyder in the past—a heavy dose of junior college prospects—is back in full force.

12. COLORADO A mediocre season on the field and coaching uncertainty impacted Colorado's class, but there were some strong pickups on the defensive side of the ball.

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1. Mack Brown will step down after this season, and coach-in-waiting Will Muschamp will take over for 2011.

2. Kansas State running back Daniel Thomas will be the league's top Heisman Trophy candidate.

3. Texas A&M and Colorado will improve enough to extend the tenures of Mike Sherman and Dan Hawkins.

4. Texas Tech will not lead the nation in passing for only the third time in the last nine years.

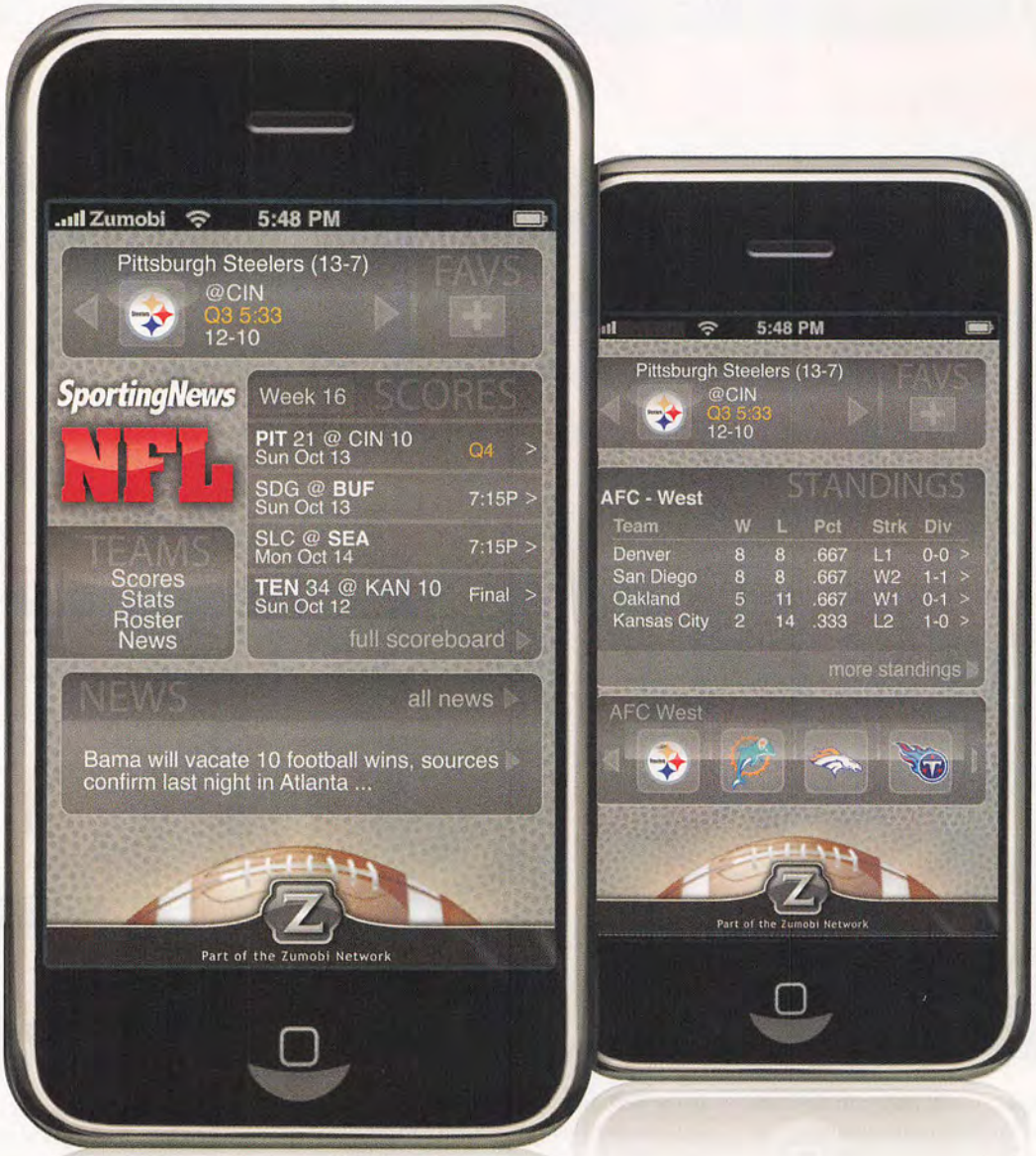
ASCENDING

OKLAHOMA ▸ Uh-oh. Oklahoma has all that talent plus a chip on its shoulder after last year's injury-plagued 8-5 record. The Sooners never got started after the Sam Bradford injury and have the talent to make big gains this season.

DESCENDING

OKLAHOMA STATE ▸ We have concerns for Oklahoma State's Cowboys. Nine who started on defense last season are gone, and so is the three-year starter at quarterback, Zac Robinson.

BEING AN ARMCHAIR QB JUST GOT EASIER



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TOP 25 PICK

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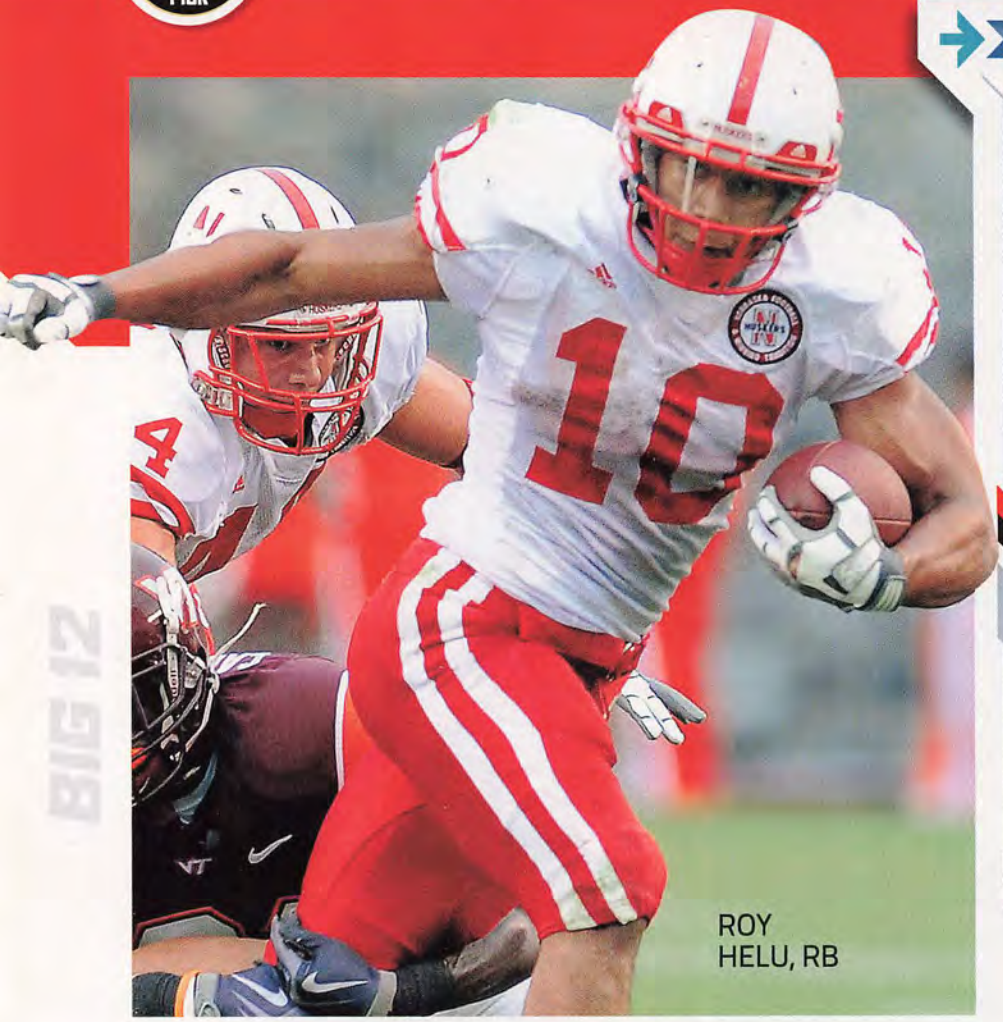

ROY HELU, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Zac Lee's game improves with his health, but the Huskers have QB options.
- Ndamukong Suh leaves a huge hole, but this defense believes it's reloading.
- All-America punter Alex Henrey changes field position or the scoreboard with every boot.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Western Kentucky	
S.11	Idaho	
S.18	@WASHINGTON	
S.25	South Dakota State	
O.7	@KANSAS STATE	17-3
GAME TO WATCH		
O.16	Texas	12-13

The Cornhuskers haven't defeated the Longhorns in the regular season since 1974 and the loss in the Big 12 title game was a heartbreaker. The Huskers have this one circled.

O.23	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
O.30	Missouri	27-12
N.6	@IOWA STATE	7-9
N.13	Kansas	31-17
N.20	@TEXAS A&M	
N.26	Colorado	28-20

BOWL PROJECTION

COTTON BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
JERMARCUS HARDRICK, OT

"Yoshi" Hardrick is described by offensive coordinator Shawn Watson as a player with a "hot motor." At 6-7 and 320 pounds, this motor is definitely a semi. Hardwick, a transfer from Fort Scott (Kan.) CC, was the talk of spring ball.

The program's best player in a decade is gone, but optimism abounds.

Shouldn't compute, right? But that's the case at Nebraska, which bid farewell to one of the best to wear the uniform in tackle Ndamukong Suh and a few other defensive standouts.

Coach Bo Pelini was well aware of the Cornhuskers' 2010 roster when he declared minutes after the Holiday Bowl skunking of Arizona, "Nebraska's back, and we're here to stay."

Pelini wasn't merely playing to an audience. He truly believes the tide is turning for a program that, after standing as one of the game's dominant for the final third of the previous century, was left behind in the first decade of the next.

Consider that the Huskers won five national championships between 1970 and 1997 and did not win as much as a conference title after 1999.

Had Texas not squeezed in a final-play field goal to win the Big 12 title game, Nebraska would have owned its most significant triumph of the decade.

So the Cornhuskers are feeling relevant again, and it gives Pelini a newfound bounce in his step.

"I really like our team," Pelini says. "Forget about the talent and expectations and all that other stuff, I like the way they go about their business. I like the way they work. I like their attitude and leadership. I like the type of football players we have on this team and the way they've come together."

But it may not be completely together as Nebraska heads into fall camp. Quarterback Zac Lee, who started most of last season, underwent surgery on his right (throwing) arm and missed spring drills.

Lee had his ups and downs last season,

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finishing with a solid performance against Arizona. The offense finished 99th nationally in total yards and 75th in scoring. Folks remember Suh and the defense's monster Big 12 title game effort against Texas. What many forget is that the Cornhuskers' offense collected a mere 106 yards in that game.

Cody Green, who got a long look and even a couple of starts last year, and Taylor Martinez are more athletic quarterbacks than Lee. The question is, can either operate the offense as effectively as him?

A hint may have come in the Holiday Bowl. Nebraska ran zone read in that game, the same scheme Green used in high school. Pelini says nobody loses a job because of injury, or in Lee's case, surgery. But he insists that every position is open when fall begins.

Regardless of who Nebraska names as quarterback, you'll probably see the Huskers joining the growing legion of teams using the Wildcat formation. Running back Rex Burkhead had big gains taking snaps in the Holiday Bowl, and that may be the best way to use Martinez, who is the fastest of the quarterback candidates.

Burkhead was having a fine freshman season when he missed five games with a broken foot. He'll get plenty of opportunity this season along with senior Roy Helu, the Big 12's fourth-leading rusher last year at 81.9 yards per game.

Wide receiver Niles Paul averaged 19.9 yards per reception last season and was named Offensive MVP of the Holiday Bowl. A big development in the spring was Mike McNeill switching from tight end to wideout. Nebraska envisions him as a Dallas Clark-type of weapon.

Seniors Keith Williams and Ricky Henry at guard and tackle Mike Smith return as starters on the offensive line. Right tackle Marcel Jones started the first 11 games last year before an injury shelved him. The most intriguing newcomer is junior college transfer Jermarcus "Yoshi" Hardrick.

Gone are Suh and Barry Turner, but in Jared Crick and Pierre Allen, Nebraska returns two of the Big 12's premier defensive linemen. Crick posted 9.5 sacks last season.

The big news on defense is a shift from the base 4-3 to more of a two-linebacker set used in the Texas and Arizona games. The linebackers—Will Compton and Sean Fisher return with the most experience—will align between the tackles and a third hybrid linebacker/nickel back will adjust to the situation. That player figures to be Eric Hagg or Austin Cassidy.

The secondary should be strong, starting with the return of all-conference corner Prince Amukamara, who led the team with 11 pass breakups and had five picks last season. Alfonzo Dennard moved into the starter's role at the other corner spot at midseason and played well down the stretch.

In Alex Henery, the Cornhuskers have one of the nation's top special teams' weapons. He could become the program's career scoring leader, and his ability to consistently drop punts out of bounds inside the 20 is a major weapon.

RECRUITING REPORT

Nebraska recruited a group with a nice mix of athleticism and physicality. The physicality comes from massive junior college offensive tackle **Jermarcus Hardrick** and four-star offensive tackle **Andrew Rodriguez**. Junior college linebacker **Lavonte David** should make an early appearance as a needed physical presence. Athletically, the class is highlighted by running back **Braylon Heard**. He rushed for close to 2,000 yards as a senior. **Brion Carnes**, a dual-threat quarterback, led his Bradenton Manatee team to a state championship game appearance in the most competitive division in Florida.

—Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-4 BIG 12: 6-2
(beat Arizona in the Holiday Bowl, 33-0)

Coach: Bo Pelini, 3rd year (20-8)
Career record: 20-8
Offensive coordinator: Shawn Watson (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Carl Pelini (3rd year)

Stadium: Memorial Stadium (81,067)
Tickets: 402-472-3111
Site: Lincoln
Official athletic Web site: www.huskers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY

Conference Title *Bowl* *National Title*

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Zac Lee

GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
13	126.89	302-177-10	58.6	2143	14	164.8

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Roy Helu	14	220	1147	5.2	10	81.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Niles Paul	14	40	796	19.9	4	56.9

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Jared Crick	14	31	42	73

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Jared Crick	14	9.5	57

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Prince Amukamara	5	63	12.6	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

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	78	Marcel Jones (6-7, 310, Jr.)
LOG	68	Keith Williams (6-5, 315, Sr.)
	66	Cruz Barrett (6-4, 310, Sr.)
C	58	Mike Caputo (6-1, 275, Jr.)
	75	Luke Lingenfelter (6-4, 275, Jr.)
ROG	74	Ricky Henry (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	70	Nick Ash (6-5, 270, Fr.)
ROT	78	Marcel Jones (6-7, 310, Jr.)
	73	D.J. Jones (6-5, 315, Sr.)
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P	90	Alex Henery (6-2, 175, Sr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	NEBRASKA	OPP
SCORING	352	146
Points Per Game	25.1	10.4
FIRST DOWNS	226	228
Rushing	98	84
Passing	111	112
Penalty	17	32
RUSHING YARDAGE	2059	1304
Yards gained rushing	2363	1709
Yards lost rushing	304	405
Rushing Attempts	512	465
Average Per Rush	4.0	2.8
Average Per Game	147.1	93.1
TDs Rushing	20	7
PASSING YARDAGE	2460	2504
Att-Comp-Int	210-364-12	234-490-20
Average Per Pass	6.8	5.1
Average Per Catch	11.7	10.7
Average Per Game	175.7	178.9
TDs Passing	16	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	4519	3808
Total Plays	876	955
Average Per Play	5.2	4.0
Average Per Game	322.8	272.0
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	33-795	49-951
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	44-510	31-366
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	20-296	12-128

TEAM STATISTICS	NEBRASKA	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	24.1	19.4
PUNT RETURN AVG.	11.6	11.8
INT RETURN AVG.	14.8	10.7
FUMBLES-LOST	21-11	26-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	100-894	84-678
Average Per Game	63.9	48.4
PUNTS-YARDS	78-3210	93-3849
Average Per Punt	41.2	41.4
Net punt average	34.7	35.3
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:30	29:30
3RD-DOWN CONV.	77/201	72/223
3rd-Down Pct.	38%	32%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	5/8	10/22
4th-Down Pct.	62%	45%
SACKS BY-YARDS	44-312	19-121
MISC YARDS	34	1
TDS SCORED	40	16
FG-ATTEMPTS	24-28	12-24
PAT-ATTEMPTS	38-38	12-14
ATTENDANCE	601216	268103
Games/Avg Per Game	7/85888	5/53621
Neutral Site Games		2/70409

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Nebraska	87	111	58	96	352
Opponent	27	64	23	32	146

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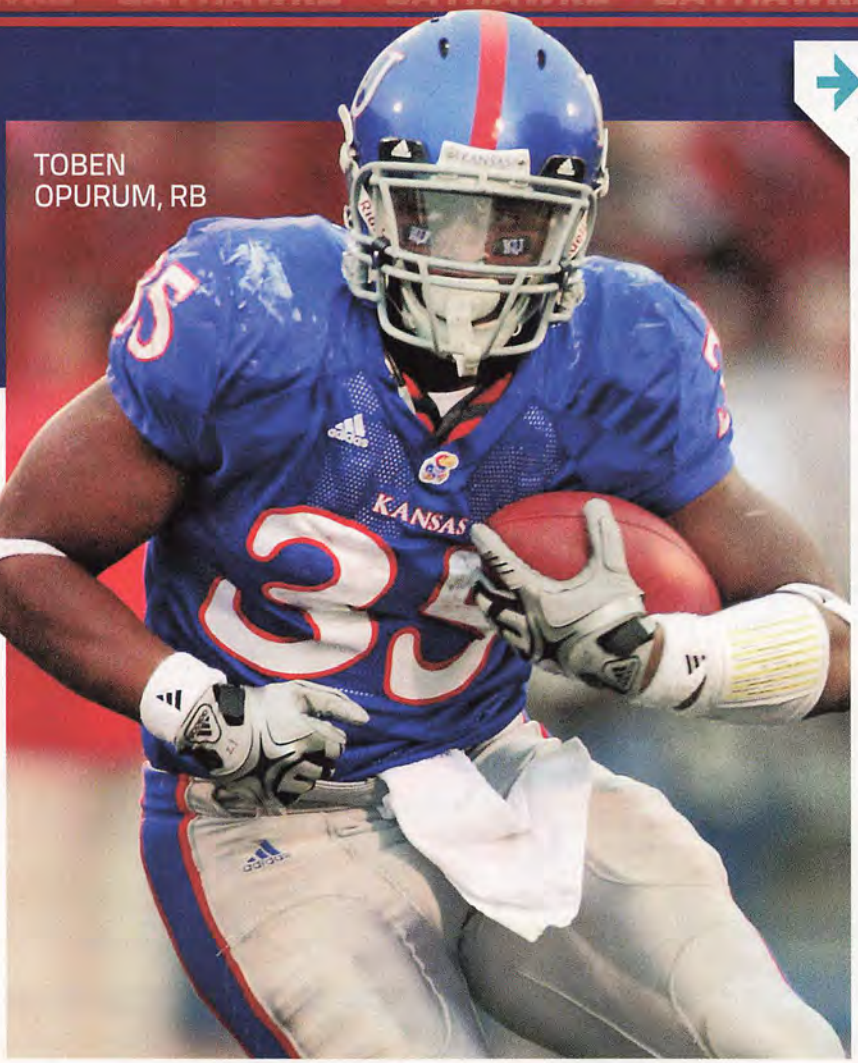

TOBEN OPURUM, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Kansas should ride Toben Opurum while it develops its quarterbacks.
- The ends look like the strongest part of the defense and the pass rush must help the secondary.
- The tight end grows in pass-catching importance at KU.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	North Dakota State	
S.11	Georgia Tech	
S.17	@SOUTHERN MISS	35-28
S.25	New Mexico State	
O.2	@BAYLOR	
O.16	Kansas State	10-17
O.23	Texas A&M	
O.30	@IOWA STATE	41-36
N.6	Colorado	30-34
N.13	@NEBRASKA	17-31
N.20	Oklahoma State	
N.27	Missouri*	39-41

* at Kansas City, MO

GAME TO WATCH

S.11 Georgia Tech

The first big test for the new staff may serve as a swing game. Win and Kansas could be headed for nice things; lose and it could be two straight losing seasons.

BOWL PROJECTION

HOLIDAY BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
JUSTIN SPRINGER, LB

Springer was ticketed for a starting role when he arrived three years ago, but a torn ACL and hamstring injury slowed his progress. He was the breakthrough player of the spring and earned praises from the coaching staff.

Four Big 12 programs are replacing arguably the most productive quarterbacks in their history and, of that group, Kansas is furthest behind in grooming a successor.

Oklahoma played most of last season with Sam Bradford's backup, Landry Jones, at the controls. Oklahoma State's Brandon Weeden received game-pressure experience after an injury to Zac Robinson. Garrett Gilbert played three-quarters of the BCS title game for injured Colt McCoy.

But no replacement candidate saw any meaningful playing time behind Todd Reesing, and that means the Jayhawks are starting from ground zero in finding their new offensive leader.

The only quarterback who attempted a pass last year besides Reesing was Kale Pick, a sophomore who ran for 167 yards and passed for 22. He's the only candidate with Division I game experience.

The others are redshirt freshman Jordan Webb, who flashed a strong and accurate arm in the spring; junior college transfer Quinn Mecham (3,091 yards passing and 40 touchdowns at Snow College last fall); and a pair of players who operated scout teams in Christian Matthews and Jacob Morse.

Oh, and basketball player Conner Teahan has thrown his hat into the ring.

Now, if only the winning candidate can follow the example set by his coach or offensive coordinator. Turner Gill, who has replaced Mark Mangino as head coach, led one of the most dynamic offenses in college football history at Nebraska in the early 1980s.

A few years later, Kansas' new offensive coordinator, Chuck Long, had a Heisman runner-up season at Iowa.

COURTESY JEFF JACOBSEN / KU ATHLETICS

The Jayhawks will operate out of a spread but will look for more offensive balance. The quarterback will take snaps under center as well as the shotgun. There will also be two-back sets, as the fullback returns to the playbook in Lawrence for the first time since Mangino wasn't coach.

This plays to the team's strengths. Gone are wide receivers Kerry Meier and Dezmon Briscoe—that duo racked up remarkable numbers over the past two seasons—and back is Toben Opurum, who last year became the first freshman to lead the Jayhawks in rushing since 2002.

Angus Quigley might benefit most from the coaching change. Quigley came to Kansas as a running back and was the second-leading rusher in 2008. Then he was moved to linebacker and rarely got on the field. In 2010, he's back at running back and had a productive spring.

Carl Torbush, hired away from Mississippi State, will coordinate the defense, and there's plenty of work to do there, especially in the secondary. Kansas' pass defense has ranked towards the bottom of the Big 12 in the past two seasons. The unit will build around three-year starting corner Chris Harris.

In building its depth chart at linebacker, Kansas got encouraging signs in the spring from Justin Springer and Steven Johnson. They'll join a pair of starters from last season, Huldon Tharp and Drew Dudley.

End Jake Laptad, who had 6.5 sacks in 2009, is back, along with tackle John Williams. Tackle Jamal Greene stepped up in the spring and has playmaker potential.

The kicking game is in good shape with punter Alonso Rojas and placekicker Jacob Branstetter, who made a 57-yard field goal against Oklahoma last season.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Jayhawks finished strong by luring four-star running back **Brandon Bourbon** away from Stanford. Bourbon and four-star receiver **Keeston Terry** add a lot of firepower to Turner Gill's first signing class. The majority of the other impact recruits for Kansas are also offensive players, such as wide receiver **Ricki Herod Jr.**, running back **James Sims**, tight end **Trent Smiley** and quarterback **Quinn Mecham**. **Jimmay Mundine** and **Pat Lewandowski** are among the top defensive prospects.

—Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 BIG 12: 1-7

Coach: Turner Gill, 1st year
Career record: 20-30
Offensive coordinator: Chuck Long (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Carl Torbush (1st year)

Stadium: Memorial Stadium, (50,071)
Tickets: 800-34-HAWKS
Site: Lawrence
Official athletic Web site: www.kuathletics.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Kale Pick

GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
7	116.96	5-4-0	80.0	22	0	3.1

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Toben Opurum	11	133	554	4.2	9	50.4

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Johnathan Wilson	11	35	449	12.8	0	40.8

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Drew Dudley	12	48	40	88

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Jake Laptad	12	6.5	42

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Ryan Murphy	2	0	.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Kale Pick (6-1, 208, So.)
	2	Jordan Webb (6-0, 210, Fr.)
RB	35	Toben Opurum (6-1, 240, So.)
	6	Rell Lewis (5-9, 205, Jr.)
LOT	72	Tanner Hawkinson (6-6, 293, So.)
	63	Ian Wolfe (6-5, 249, Sr.)
LOG	59	Sal Capra (6-2, 295, Sr.)
	68	Carl Wilson (6-3, 302, Sr.)
C	77	Jeremiah Hatch (6-3, 332, Jr.)
	62	Alex Smith (5-11, 266, Sr.)
ROG	74	Jeff Spikes (6-6, 325, So.)
	69	Trevor Marrongelli (6-2, 293, So.)
ROT	76	Brad Thorson (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	65	Michael Martinovich (6-5, 279, Jr.)
TE	86	Tim Biere (6-4, 260, Jr.)
	43	Ted McNulty (6-5, 230, Jr.)
WR	81	Johnathan Wilson (6-2, 190, Sr.)
	15	Daymond Patterson (5-9, 173, Jr.)
WR	89	Tertavian Ingram (5-11, 205, Sr.)
	20	D.J. Beshears (5-8, 174, So.)
WR	83	Chris Omigie (6-4, 194, Fr.)
	88	Erick McGriff (6-3, 209, Fr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	93	Quintin Woods (6-5, 236, Sr.)
	95	D.J. Marshall (6-3, 235, So.)
LDT	99	Jamal Greene (6-4, 328, Sr.)
	92	Patrick Dorsey (6-0, 273, Jr.)
RDT	71	John Williams (6-3, 290, So.)
	97	Richard Johnson (6-3, 283, Jr.)
RDE	91	Jake Laptad (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	75	Travis Stephens (6-2, 255, Jr.)
LB	49	Drew Dudley (6-2, 241, Sr.)
	9	Vernon Brooks (6-0, 236, Sr.)
LB	34	Huldon Tharp (6-0, 217, So.)
	45	Justin Springer (6-3, 237, Sr.)
LCB	30	Anthony Davis (5-11, 205, Jr.)
	35	Corrigan Powell (5-11, 180, So.)
RCB	16	Chris Harris (5-10, 190, Sr.)
	17	Calvin Rubles (6-3, 205, Sr.)
FS	13	Lubbock Smith (6-0, 206, So.)
	37	Brian Blackwell (5-11, 191, So.)
SS	26	Phillip Strozier (5-11, 205, Sr.)
	44	Olaitan Oguntodu (6-0, 218, Sr.)
S	23	Ryan Murphy (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	19	Isiah Barfield (5-11, 185, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	14	Jacob Branstetter (5-9, 170, Sr.)
P	18	Alonso Rojas (6-3, 228, Sr.)

2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	KANSAS	OPP
SCORING	353	341
Points Per Game	29.4	28.4
FIRST DOWNS	281	242
Rushing	96	104
Passing	165	119
Penalty	20	19
RUSHING YARDAGE	1345	1659
Yards gained rushing	1719	2003
Yards lost rushing	374	344
Rushing Attempts	379	413
Average Per Rush	3.5	4.0
Average Per Game	112.1	138.2
TDs Rushing	20	23
PASSING YARDAGE	3724	2940
Att-Comp-Int	320-506-10	260-423-7
Average Per Pass	7.4	7.0
Average Per Catch	11.6	11.3
Average Per Game	310.3	245
TDs Passing	22	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	5069	4599
Total Plays	885	836
Average Per Play	5.7	5.5
Average Per Game	422.4	383.2
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	56-1206	57-1338
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	24-171	17-221
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	7-90	10-205

TEAM STATISTICS	KANSAS	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	21.5	32.5
PUNT RETURN AVG.	7.1	13.0
INT RETURN AVG.	12.9	20.5
FUMBLES-LOST	20-12	18-10
PENALTIES-YARDS	72-586	72-701
Average Per Game	48.8	58.4
PUNTS-YARDS	54-2216	61-2517
Average Per Punt	41.0	41.3
Net punt average	34.7	36.8
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:49	29:11
3RD-DOWN CONV.	76-175	71-178
3rd-Down Pct.	43%	40%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	11-15	10-20
4th-Down Pct.	73%	50%
SACKS BY-YARDS	30-225	32-277
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	45	42
FG-ATTEMPTS	13-19	16-18
PAT-ATTEMPTS	42-44	35-37
ATTENDANCE	606976	559970
Games/Avg Per Game	12/50581	10/55997
Neutral Site Games		2/70072

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Kansas	61	122	72	98	353
Opponent	44	101	92	04	341

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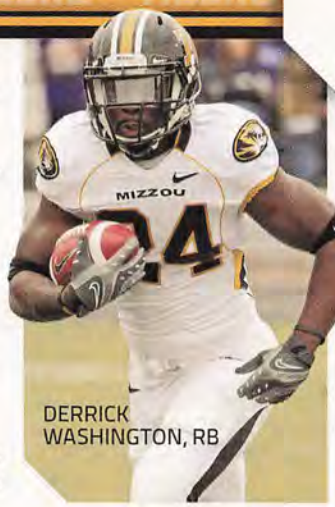
3 MISSOURI TIGERS



DERRICK WASHINGTON, RB

Let's not kid anybody. This is not Missouri's golden era of football.

To say so is to insult those who won conference championships under Don Faurot and who played on New Year's Day under Dan Devine when that was the biggest deal of the season.

No, what Missouri has accomplished in the Gary Pinkel era hasn't reached that level yet. But it's closer than anything we've seen in several decades, and it's terrific stuff.

Five straight bowl years and five consecutive winning seasons? Nobody else in the Big 12 North can make that claim.

Missouri has made it happen with an excellent passing game and its share of playmakers on defense. The mission to remain among the Big 12 power brokers continues with another team that has developed leaders on each side of the ball.

Quarterback Blaine Gabbert delivered the goods in his first season as a starter. As a sophomore, he finished third in the conference in passing yards per game (276.4) and second in pass efficiency. Gabbert is a strong-armed thrower, but his biggest attribute is toughness.

However, Missouri must find new receiving targets. Danario Alexander, who had an amazing season with 113 receptions and 14 touchdowns, and the Tigers' second-leading receiver, Jared Perry, are both gone.

But Pinkel feels good about returning veterans Wes Kemp and Jerrell Jackson, and sophomores Rolandis Woodland and T.J. Moe stepped up in spring ball. So did tight end Michael Egnew, a 6-6 junior who could emerge as one of the Big 12's top receivers at that position.

Tailback Derrick Washington turned in an excellent spring and appears to be poised for his best season. Washington ran for 865 yards and 10 touchdowns last year despite being hampered with nagging knee injuries.

And Washington will be running behind one of the league's most veteran offensive lines with four returning starters. Left tackle Elvis Fisher has started every game for the last two years. Right tackle Dan Hoch was voted the team's top offensive lineman last season.

The defensive leader is Aldon Smith, who in his first season set the school record with 11.5 sacks and totaled 19 tackles for loss. The double teams are coming this season, which should allow the Smith on the other side, Jacquies, to have a productive campaign.

Returning starters Will Ebner and Andrew Gachkar lead a strong corps of linebackers. The secondary returns intact, but the group needs to step up.

THE NEXT BIG THING
MICHAEL EGNEW, TE

In Missouri's offense, the tight end is a favorite target, and 6-6 junior Egnew could follow Chase Coffman and Martin Rucker as a big-number guy after putting together a breakthrough spring.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 BIG 12: 4-4
(lost to Navy in the Texas Bowl, 35-13)

Coach: Gary Pinkel, 10th year (67-45)
Career record: 140-82-1
Offensive coordinator: David Yost (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Dave Steckel (2nd year)

Stadium: Memorial Stadium at Faurot Field (68,349)
Tickets: 800-CAT-PAWS
Site: Columbia
Official athletic Web site: www.mutigers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@ILLINOIS*	37-9
S.11	McNeese State	
S.18	San Diego State	
S.25	Miami (Ohio)	
O.9	Colorado	36-17
O.16	@TEXAS A&M	
O.23	Oklahoma	
O.30	@NEBRASKA	12-27
N.6	@TEXAS TECH	
N.13	Kansas State	38-12
N.20	@IOWA STATE	34-24
GAME TO WATCH		
N.26	@Kansas**	41-39

This has become a can't-miss classic, with the three games played at Arrowhead settled by a total of 13 points. Seven of the last eight MU/KU games on campus were decided by at least double-digits.

*At St. Louis, MO **At Kansas City, MO

BOWL PROJECTION

ALAMO BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- It's time for corners Carl Gettis and Kevin Rutland to step up.
- Running back Derrick Washington has a Darren Sproles-like game.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	11	Blaine Gabbert (6-5, 240, Jr.)
RB	24	Derrick Washington (6-0, 225, Sr.)
LOT	72	Elvis Fisher (6-5, 300, Jr.)
LOG	66	Austin Wuebbels (6-4, 305, Jr.)
C	62	Tim Barnes (6-4, 310, Sr.)
ROG	71	Jayson Palmgren (6-2, 305, Jr.)
ROT	77	Dan Hoch (6-7, 320, Jr.)
TE	82	Michael Egnew (6-6, 230, Jr.)
WR	5	Rolandis Woodland (6-3, 200, So.)
WR	29	Jerrell Jackson (6-1, 190, Jr.)
WR	8	Wes Kemp (6-4, 225, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	3	Jacquies Smith (6-4, 250, Jr.)
LDT	93	Terrell Resonno (6-6, 295, Jr.)
RDT	90	Dominique Hamilton (6-6, 300, Jr.)
RDE	85	Aldon Smith (6-5, 255, So.)
SLB	25	Zaviar Gooden (6-2, 225, So.)
MLB	32	Will Ebner (6-1, 230, Jr.)
WLB	6	Andrew Gachkar (6-3, 235, Sr.)
LCB	20	Kevin Rutland (6-0, 195, Sr.)
RCB	19	Carl Gettis (5-11, 195, Sr.)
FS	9	Jasper Simmons (6-1, 205, Sr.)
SS	11	Jarrell Harrison (6-2, 220, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	95	Grant Ressel (6-2, 190, Jr.)
P	99	Matt Grabner (6-4, 200, Jr.)

Sporting News All-American

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Nick Demien
OL, 6-6, 295
Demien, a U.S. Army All-American, battled back from a knee injury and was one of the most dominating line prospects in America.

2
Marcus Murphy
RB, 5-9, 170
Murphy was the offensive leader for one of the top programs in Dallas. He is a perfect fit for the Mizzou offense.

3
James Franklin
QB, 6-2, 218
Franklin could be the biggest impact recruit for Mizzou, but he'll have to wait his turn behind Blaine Gabbert.

4
Marcus Lucas
WR, 6-5, 195
Lucas, a nationally ranked receiver with the ability to stretch the field, was the focus of a heated recruiting battle the Tigers won in December.

5
Tristen Holt
CB, 6-0, 185
Holt is a lock-down corner who has the speed and skill to play immediately, especially on special teams.

DENNIS HUBBARD / ICONSMI

COLORADO BUFFALOES 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	@COLORADO STATE*	17-23

The Buffs got last season off to a lousy start by losing this one. You'll hear the groans all the way to Boulder if Colorado doesn't beat the rival Rams this time.

S.11	@CALIFORNIA	
S.18	Hawaii	
O.2	Georgia	
O.9	@MISSOURI	17-36
O.16	Baylor	
O.23	Texas Tech	
O.30	@OKLAHOMA	
N.6	@KANSAS	34-30
N.13	Iowa State	10-17
N.20	Kansas State	6-20
N.26	@NEBRASKA	20-28

** at Denver, CO*

BOWL PROJECTION

PINSTRIPE BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- This has a chance to be an excellent offensive line, and the Buffs need to take advantage.
- It's a discipline thing. Colorado needs to cut down its penalties and turnovers.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Tyler Hansen (6-1, 205, Jr.)
RB	5	Rodney Stewart (5-6, 175, Jr.)
LOT	78	Nate Solder (6-9, 305, Sr.)
LOG	63	Ethan Adkins (6-4, 310, Jr.)
C	56	Keenan Stevens (6-2, 290, Sr.)
ROG	73	Ryan Miller (6-8, 320, Jr.)
ROT	53	Ryan Dannewitz (6-6, 310, So.)
TE	34	Ryan Deehan (6-5, 245, Jr.)
WR	6	Markques Simas (6-2, 215, Jr.)
WR	21	Scotty McKnight (5-11, 185, Sr.)
WR	15	Jason Espinoza (5-8, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	92	Forrest West (6-1, 260, So.)
LDT	83	Will Pericak (6-4, 285, So.)
RDT	50	Curtis Cunningham (6-1, 280, Jr.)
RDE	90	Marquez Herrod (6-2, 285, Sr.)
SLB	59	B.J. Beatty (6-2, 235, Sr.)
MLB	10	Michael Sipili (6-1, 250, Sr.)
WLB	31	Jon Major (6-1, 225, So.)
LCB	23	Jalil Brown (6-1, 205, Sr.)
RCB	3	Jimmy Smith (6-2, 210, Sr.)
FS	26	Ray Polk (6-1, 210, So.)
SS	46	Anthony Perkins (5-10, 200, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	13	Aric Goodman (5-10, 190, Sr.)
P	15	Zach Grossnickle (6-2, 185, Fr.)

JALIL BROWN, CB

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-9 BIG 12: 2-6

Coach: Dan Hawkins, 5th year (16-33)
Career record: 69-44
Offensive coordinator: Eric Kiesau (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Ron Collins (5th year)

Stadium: Folsom Field (53,750)
Tickets: 800-87-BUFFS
Site: Boulder
Official athletic Web site: www.cubuffs.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

Coach Dan Hawkins knows it's win or else. With no winning record and one bowl appearance in four seasons, there likely won't be a sixth for Hawkins unless substantial progress is made.

A bowl game would do it. Colorado really doesn't want to start over again.

But there are no bold promises, like the 10 victories Hawkins forecasted after the 2008 season, and no lofty expectations. Not in a division that's been won by Nebraska and Missouri throughout Hawkins' tenure.

What there should be is an unquestioned leader at quarterback. And Colorado may be headed that way with Tyler Hansen.

It has been an odd sequence in Boulder over the past couple of years. Cody Hawkins opened the 2008 and 2009 seasons as the starter, but Hansen finished both campaigns as the regular behind center.

Still, both played well in the spring game and the competition will continue into the fall. Hansen is more athletic, with a stronger arm. Hawkins may have a better understanding of the offense and is a little more accurate.

Dan Hawkins likes to say Colorado has no returning starters when it comes to building his team. His first spring depth chart was listed in alphabetical order. In reality, however, the Buffs return 16 starters from a 3-9 team that was one of the youngest in Hawkins' tenure.

Nine offensive starters are back, including the entire line. That group is led by all-conference tackle Nate Solder and guard Ryan Miller.

Scotty McKnight (76 receptions, 6 TDs) and Markques Simas 43 receptions, 585 yards) are back to lead the receiving corps. The big loss among primary pass catchers was all-conference tight end Riar Geer.

The departure of heralded running back Darrell Scott won't hurt the Buffs in the least. He never lived up to his billing and couldn't take reps away from Rodney Stewart, who returns after an 804-yard, nine-touchdown season. Also in the fold is Brian Lockridge, who rushed for more than 200 yards as a freshman in 2007.

With seven defensive starters back, Colorado looks to be in good shape on that side of the ball. Jalil Brown and Jimmy Smith are solid cover corners; B.J. Beatty will be the leader at linebacker, and end Marquez Herrod is the best of the line.

The pieces seem in place for improvement. But areas that Colorado must shore up are the little things that drive coaches nuts, and keep the Buffaloes from making a move: turnovers, penalties and special teams.

THE NEXT BIG THING
PARKER ORMS, S

Orms is a redshirt freshman who made the most of his opportunity during spring practice. He drew raves in scrimmages and could get the start at nickel back.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Tony Jones
RB, 5-8, 178
Coming out of powerhouse Ramsey (N.J.) Don Bosco Prep, Jones has the natural running ability to contribute early in Boulder.

2
Chidera Uzo-Diribe
DE, 6-3, 220
As a senior he emerged as a true pass rushing threat off the edge for one of the top teams in California's Inland Empire.

3
Nick Hirschman
QB, 6-2, 212
Hirschman enrolled early at Colorado and should give the Buffs some much-needed depth at the quarterback position.

4
Cordary Clark
ATH, 6-2, 220
Because of academic questions, Clark didn't see his stock rise until late. He has the athletic ability to be an immediate impact player.

5
Harold Mobley
ATH, 6-4, 225
Another dominating player from the Inland Empire, Mobley took over at quarterback as a senior and couldn't be stopped.

DUSTIN BRADFORD / ICON SMI / NEWSCOM

5 IOWA STATE CYCLONES

DAVID SIMS, SS

Iowa State was back in the abyss. After a fifth bowl game in six years in 2005, the program posted three straight losing seasons with the next record worse than the previous one.

Cyclones athletic director Jamie Pollard fired popular coach Dan McCarney, then lost his replacement, Gene Chizik, to Auburn. Things were looking like the bad old days at Iowa State.

Enter Paul Rhoads, an Iowan and a bundle of enthusiasm. The Cyclones were drubbed by Iowa, then lost heartbreakers to Kansas State and Kansas, but things seemed different. Iowa State was competitive and needed only a break or two to claim a confirming triumph.

It came in the eighth game. The Cyclones traveled to Nebraska, forced and gladly accepted eight turnovers and pulled out a 9-7 shocker that became a YouTube sensation when Rhoads allowed cameras into the postgame celebration.

The spirited program found its way to bowl eligibility, then outlasted neighboring Minnesota in the postseason for an uplifting 7-6 record.

"A Big 12 championship, I think, is the next goal," wide receiver Jake Williams says.

How do you not love that kind of talk?

But first things first for the Cyclones, who have a few matters to settle. First, there are three new starters at linebacker, plus four others on the defensive side.

Among the linebacker candidates is Matt Tau'fo'ou, who redshirted last year and will get first crack at replacing tackling machine Jesse Smith.

The most interesting newcomer on the defense isn't a newcomer at all. Secondary coach and recruiting coordinator Bobby Elliott is back for his third tour of duty in Ames.

The Cyclones averaged only 20 points a game on offense last season and Rhoads knows that has to increase.

"I would sure hope so," Rhoads says. "That's not good enough in this league or across the country. I would hope with the experience coming back and understanding of our offense, we'll have the opportunity to put more points on the board."

Quarterback Austen Arnaud, a two-year starter, needs to become more consistent. He posted better numbers in 2008 than 2009 and has thrown for as many as 440 yards in a game. He should be more comfortable after having spent a season in coordinator Tom Herman's no-huddle attack.

Iowa State's top offensive weapon is running back Alexander Robinson, who gained 1,195 yards last season.

The receiving corps will be boosted by the return of wideout Darius Reynolds, who broke a bone in his leg last year.

THE NEXT BIG THING
MATT TAU'FO'OU, LB

Tau'fo'ou was a junior college All-American at College of San Mateo (Calif.) in 2008. After a redshirt season, he's ready to take a leading role on a defense looking for playmakers.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 BIG 12: 3-5
(beat Minnesota in the Insight Bowl, 14-13)

Coach: Paul Rhoads, 2nd year (7-6)
Career record: 7-6
Offensive coordinator: Tom Herman (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Wally Burnham (2nd year)

Stadium: Jack Trice Stadium (55,000)
Tickets: 515-294-1816
Site: Ames
Official athletic Web site: www.cyclones.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY
Conference Title · Bowl · National Title

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Northern Illinois	
S.11	@IOWA	3-35
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**@KANSAS STATE***	**23-24**

At Arrowhead Stadium, this proved to be one of the more entertaining Big 12 games in 2009. This year, it's a preview of teams on the upswing.

S.25	Northern Iowa	
O.2	Texas Tech	
O.9	Utah	
O.16	@OKLAHOMA	
O.23	@TEXAS	
O.30	Kansas	36-41
N.6	Nebraska	9-7
N.13	@COLORADO	17-10
N.20	Missouri	24-34

*At Kansas City, MO

BULLET POINTS

- Feature back Alexander Robinson has 1,500-yard talent.
- With many new defensive starters, somebody needs to be the next Jesse Smith.
- The hope is to not lose too many able bodies through the schedule's midsection (Utah, Oklahoma and Texas).

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	4	Austen Arnaud (6-3, 224, Sr.)
RB	33	Alexander Robinson (5-9, 187, Sr.)
LOT	72	Kelechi Osemele (6-5, 349, Jr.)
LOG	77	Alex Alvarez (6-2, 295, Sr.)
C	63	Ben Lamaak (6-4, 318, Sr.)
ROG	51	Scott Haughton (6-3, 338, Jr.)
ROT	79	Brayden Burris (6-6, 277, So.)
TE	88	Collin Franklin (6-6, 248, Sr.)
WR	2	Sedrick Johnson (6-4, 205, Jr.)
WR	83	Jake Williams (6-1, 199, Sr.)
WR	6	Darius Darks (6-1, 184, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	91	Patrick Neal (6-0, 227, Jr.)
LDT	94	Jake McDonough (6-5, 241, So.)
RDT	85	Bailey Johnson (6-2, 267, Sr.)
RDE	29	Rashawn Parker (5-11, 254, Sr.)
SLB	47	A.J. Klein (6-1, 234, So.)
MLB	45	Matt Tau'fo'ou (5-10, 242, Jr.)
WLB	20	Jake Knott (6-2, 234, So.)
LCB	22	Ter'ran Benton (6-0, 197, Jr.)
RCB	23	Leonard Johnson (5-10, 189, Jr.)
FS	37	Michael O'Connell (5-11, 211, Sr.)
SS	1	David Sims (5-9, 208, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	21	Grant Mahoney (6-1, 162, Jr.)
P	16	Daniel Kuehl (6-0, 198, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Anthony Young
CB, 5-9, 180
Young, a four-star cornerback, will have a great opportunity to compete for early playing time and should be a star for Iowa State.

2
Floyd Mattison
LB, 6-0, 190
Though he's undersized, Mattison is an elite athlete from a good program in Texas.

3
Jon Caspers
OL, 6-5, 295
Caspers ranks as one of the top junior college offensive linemen in the country. Landing him was a nice recruiting victory for ISU.

4
Jeremiah George
LB, 5-10, 191
His lack of size scared a few schools away, but George can play and should be a tackle machine for Iowa State.

5
Chris Young
WR, 5-11, 185
Young should make an immediate impact on offense for the Cyclones. He can stretch the field with his speed.

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KANSAS STATE WILDCATS 6

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	UCLA	9-23
S.11	Missouri State	
S.18	Iowa State*	24-23
S.25	UCF	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.7	Nebraska	3-17
O.16	@KANSAS	17-10
O.23	@BAYLOR	
O.30	Oklahoma State	
N.6	Texas	
N.13	@MISSOURI	12-38
N.20	@COLORADO	20-6
N.27	@NORTH TEXAS	

A Thursday night tilt should be prime-time excitement in Manhattan, Kan. This game could have a major say in who wins the North.

** at Kansas City, MO*

BULLET POINTS

- The Wildcats have many players who can take snaps, and they are not all quarterbacks.
- Daniel Thomas is a difference-maker at running back.
- The defensive front seven has to become more ferocious.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	14	Carson Coffman (6-3, 211, Sr.)
FB	37	Braden Wilson (6-3, 244, So.)
RB	8	Daniel Thomas (6-2, 228, Sr.)
LOT	70	Zach Hanson (6-8, 313, Jr.)
LOG	59	Zach Kendall (6-2, 312, Sr.)
C	74	Wade Weibert (6-4, 303, Sr.)
ROG	67	Kenneth Mayfield (6-4, 338, Sr.)
ROT	75	Clyde Aufner (6-5, 300, Jr.)
TE	80	Travis Tannahill (6-3, 254, So.)
WR	3	Chris Harper (6-1, 234, So.)
WR	5	Brodrick Smith (6-2, 206, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	91	Brandon Harold (6-5, 264, Jr.)
LDT	46	Prizell Brown (6-2, 265, Sr.)
RDT	44	Josh Berard (6-1, 212, Sr.)
RDE	40	Antonio Felder (6-2, 244, Sr.)
SLB	45	Kevin Rohleder (6-0, 219, Sr.)
MLB	56	Alex Hrebec (5-11, 251, Jr.)
WLB	22	Thomas Ferguson (5-11, 204, So.)
LCB	21	Troy Butler (6-0, 194, Sr.)
RCB	8	Stephen Harrison (5-11, 183, Sr.)
FS	23	Emmanuel Lamur (6-4, 219, Jr.)
SS	2	Tysyn Hartman (6-3, 206, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	19	Josh Cherry (6-0, 190, Sr.)
P	9	Ryan Doerr (6-3, 188, So.)

TYSYN HARTMAN, SS

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-6 BIG 12: 4-4

Coach: Bill Snyder, 19th year (142-74-1)
Career record: 142-74-1
Offensive coordinators: Dana Dimel (2nd year), Del Miller (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Chris Cosh (2nd year)

Stadium: Bill Snyder Family Stadium (50,000)
Tickets: 800-221-CATS
Site: Manhattan
Official athletic Web site: www.kstatesports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
DeMarcus Robinson
RB, 5-9, 192
Ranked No. 4 in Kansas, Robinson is a squatty, powerful back whose physical running style should be effective in college.

2
Adam Davis
DE, 6-1, 249
Davis heads to Manhattan with huge expectations as a pass-rushing threat off the edge.

3
Javonta Boyd
DT, 6-4, 300
Boyd provides desperately needed size, and he played for one of the top junior college teams in the nation.

4
Destin Mosley
ATH, 5-9, 175
Mosley could be another great steal out of Texas. He excels at running back, but he also could be a great corner on the next level.

5
Billy Cosh
QB, 6-2, 196
Cosh wasn't a heavily recruited player due to his lack of size. But put the football in his hands and he is a strong-armed, accurate passer.

Last season proved exclamation points can outpace question marks at Kansas State.

The questions followed the Wildcats through the season, starting at quarterback. But having Bill Snyder back on the sideline transformed K-State in several ways.

The Wildcats were more organized, more focused and tougher than at any time since, well, Snyder walked the sidelines earlier in the decade.

Although Kansas State finished 6-6 and didn't qualify for a bowl game, it went into the season finale at Nebraska with a chance to be the division champion.

What's more, Snyder wanted his returning players to feel a sense of disappointment after the encouraging year.

"We make sure it lingers," Snyder says.

Not finishing well cost the Wildcats a victory at Louisiana-Lafayette, as well as bowl eligibility. Of course, it can be argued that Kansas State finished wonderfully against Iowa State, when it blocked an extra point that would have tied the game late.

At any rate, the message is clear: Play through the final horn of the final game; then look up and see what the scoreboard and record say.

This year it's hard to tell what it will say. Three quarterbacks battled in the spring. Carson Coffman, who opened last year as a starter and lost his job to Grant Gregory before the halfway point in the season, is back. He's competing against Collin Klein and Sammuel Lamur, who sat out last season after transferring from junior college.

Whoever gets the job will have a nice set of targets at his disposal. Aubrey Quarles was set to have a big season before an injury ended his year before it got started. A pair of transfers—Brodrick Smith (Minnesota) and Chris Harper (Oregon)—make this a very strong position for KSU.

Running back Daniel Thomas is one of the Big 12's top returning talents. The league rushing leader at 105.4 yards per game, Thomas was a blend of power and elusiveness who had some of his best moments taking a direct snap. He completed three of four passes, tossed a touchdown and also caught 25 passes.

A backfield that has Thomas lining up behind Lamur would be among the nation's fastest. It would also mean the Wildcats have a Lamur on the field at all times with Sammuel's brother, Emmanuel, returning as the team's top tackler.

Emmanuel Lamur, a 6-4 free safety, is Sammuel's twin and one of seven returning defensive starters. That group includes two in the secondary in Tysyn Hartman and Troy Butler. Up front, Brandon Harold, a Freshman All-American in 2008 who was slowed by injuries last season, will look to regain his form.

THE NEXT BIG THING
SAMMUEL LAMUR, QB

At 6-4, Lamur has the size and speed to become the ideal quarterback in the Bill Snyder system. It all depends on how quickly he learns the offense.

COURTESY K-STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

1 TEXAS LONGHORNS

TOP 25 PICK

TRE NEWTON, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Ricky Williams, Cedric Benson, Jamaal Charles and now Tre Newton; it's not like Texas hasn't run successfully before.
- The secondary is full of future talent.
- You'll hearing plenty about the Colts-like H-back and TE Barrett Matthews.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@RICE*	
S.11	Wyoming	41-10
S.18	@TEXAS TECH	34-24
S.25	UCLA	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	@OKLAHOMA**	16-13

This is the game to watch—once again—not only because a participant should win the division for the 12th straight year, but a pair of new quarterbacks go at each other.

O.16	@NEBRASKA	13-12
O.23	Iowa State	
O.30	Baylor	47-14
N.6	@KANSAS STATE	
N.13	Oklahoma State	41-14
N.20	Florida Atlantic	
N.25	Texas A&M	49-39

** at Houston*
*** at Dallas*

BOWL PROJECTION

FIESTA BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
SAM ACHO, DL

Texas always seems to have a havoc-creating defensive lineman/outside linebacker type (think Brian Orakpo and Sergio Kindle over the past two years) and Acho should be that player this season, even if he moves to tackle.

It's all a matter of perspective. Some make changes looking for a formula to take a program from a loser to a winner. At Texas, tweaks and adjustments are intended to transform a national title game finalist into a champion.

The Longhorns are becoming more dedicated to the running game. If your memory pack has enough storage capacity, think of the Ricky Williams era.

Oh, there isn't a Heisman Trophy running back in burnt orange trim, but the idea is in the intent.

"We'd like to go back to the balance we had when we got here," says coach Mack Brown, who's in his 13th season at Austin. "We'd like to go back and be a 60-40 (run to pass) or 50-50 team."

Brown deems this philosophical shift necessary for a few reasons. Foremost, new starting quarterback Garrett Gilbert shouldn't carry as much burden for the offensive success as predecessors Colt McCoy and Vince Young. Not yet.

Gilbert found himself thrust into an unfortunate and amazing opportunity when McCoy went down in the first quarter of the BCS national championship game against Alabama with a shoulder injury that prevented him from throwing.

After several shaky series, Gilbert tossed two touchdown passes against the game's most ferocious defense, giving the Longhorns a glimmer of hope for a comeback triumph before the Tide put it away.

Gilbert had thrown 26 passes in that freshman season, as Texas continued to take advantage of its greatest asset—McCoy operating out of the spread.

After a year in which Texas threw on

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51.3 percent of its snaps, it's back to running basics, and the Longhorns plan to operate some out of the I-formation, under center and utilize the "stretch" plays that have helped shape the formidable Indianapolis Colts offense.

It just so happens that Brown and Colts coach Jim Caldwell are friends from their ACC days, when Brown was at North Carolina and Caldwell at Wake Forest in the 1990s.

Caldwell visited Austin in March, perhaps commiserating on championship game losses as well as sharing ideas, and at least one Texan can't wait to fit into those stretch plays.

"The play is going really well because it gives us several places to hit (a hole)," says running back Fozzy Whittaker, who is listed with Tre Newton on the depth chart at running back.

Texas isn't abandoning the pass, nor are the 'Horns apologizing for a spread that produced a quarterback in McCoy who won more games (45) than any starter in NCAA history.

As for going under center more often, having Gilbert drop back will undoubtedly help him become a better pro prospect, but it's also about giving the running game its best chance to succeed.

"It's downhill running; it allows us to be more aggressive," Brown says. "Over the last few years, we got so sideways. We were spread out all over the place. It was hard to use trick plays and hard to have much misdirection. We feel now we need to be more physical and attack people."

Having an offensive line up to the task will help. The left side looks set with veterans Kyle Hix at tackle and Michael Huey at guard. David Snow, who has started in the past, is at center, and the right side will develop with Tray Allen at guard and Britt Mitchell at tackle.

"Cross-training" was a buzzword in the spring, with players like Chris Whaley working at both running back and the H-back power position, and Barrett Matthews and Greg Smith going back and forth between H-back and tight end.

The receiving corps should be in good shape even though Jordan Shipley has moved on to the NFL. Malcolm Williams and James Kirkendoll will be the next to step up in a big way, with John Chiles and Marquise Goodwin in the slot.

While change is coming to the offense, Will Muschamp's defense looks stable. End Sam Acho, who led Texas with 10 sacks last season, and tackle Kheeston Randall are solid. Alex Okafor holds down the other end spot.

Muschamp is excited about young linebacker Dravannti Johnson, and the secondary should be the strongest part of the defense with corners Curtis Brown, Aaron Williams and Chykie Brown and safety Blake Gideon. The other safety spot could go to Christian Scott.

The return game, especially Williams on punts, looked terrific in the spring. Justin Tucker takes over for reliable Hunter Lawrence at kicker.

RECRUITING REPORT

It was another fantastic class by Mack Brown, who seemingly gets any player he wants out of the most talented state in the nation. A few positions that are particularly strong in this class are wide receiver, defensive line and linebacker. There are five four-star wide receivers in the class, and three are ranked in the national top 100. At defensive end, the Longhorns signed a pass-rushing specialist in **Reggie Wilson** and a longer, physical body in **Jackson Jeffcoat**. The Longhorns also added some mass at defensive tackle. **Jordan Hicks**, **Tevin Jackson** and **Aaron Benson** form a linebacking corps as talented as any in the country.

—Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 13-1 BIG 12: 8-0
(lost to Alabama in the BCS National Championship, 37-21)

Coach: Mack Brown, 13th year (128-27)
Career record: 214-101-1
Offensive coordinator: Greg Davis (13th year)
Defensive coordinator: Will Muschamp (3rd year)

Stadium: Darrell K. Royal/Texas Memorial Stadium (94,113)
Tickets: 800-982-BEVO **Site:** Austin
Official athletic Web site: www.texassports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Garrett Gilbert	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	9	82.79	66-30-4	45.5	310	2	34.4

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Tre' Newton	12	116	552	4.8	6	46.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
James Kirkendoll	14	48	461	9.6	6	32.9

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Keenan Robinson	14	42	32	74

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Sam Acho	14	10	56

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Blake Gideon	6	31	5.2	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Garrett Gilbert (6-4, 212, So.)
	17	Sherrod Harris (6-3, 215, Sr.)
FB	24	Antwan Cobb (6-0, 215, Jr.)
	31	Cody Johnson (5-11, 250, Jr.)
RB	23	Tre' Newton (6-0, 200, So.)
	28	Fozzy Whittaker (5-10, 195, Jr.)
LT	64	Kyle Hix (6-7, 320, Sr.)
	70	Paden Kelley (6-7, 290, Fr.)
LG	63	Michael Huey (6-5, 310, Sr.)
	79	Thomas Ashcraft (6-5, 310, Fr.)
C	78	David Snow (6-4, 295, Jr.)
	55	Nick Zajicek (6-2, 275, So.)
RG	56	Tray Allen (6-4, 305, Sr.)
	54	Mark Buchanan (6-6, 300, So.)
RT	72	Britt Mitchell (6-5, 300, Sr.)
	77	Luke Poehlmann (6-7, 265, So.)
TE	83	Greg Smith (6-4, 250, Sr.)
	89	Barrett Matthews (6-2, 235, So.)
WR	11	James Kirkendoll (5-11, 180, Sr.)
	8	Marquise Goodwin (5-9, 175, So.)
WR	9	Malcolm Williams (6-3, 225, Jr.)
	5	John Chiles (6-2, 210, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	80	Alex Okafor (6-4, 250, So.)
	97	Russell Carter (6-3, 255, Jr.)
LDT	93	Tyrell Higgins (6-3, 279, Jr.)
	96	Calvin Howell (6-4, 290, Fr.)
RDT	91	Kheeston Randall (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	98	Derek Johnson (6-3, 320, Fr.)
RDE	81	Sam Acho (6-3, 260, Sr.)
	32	Eddie Jones (6-3, 260, Sr.)
WLB	1	Keenan Robinson (6-3, 232, Jr.)
	13	Tariq Allen (6-2, 245, Fr.)
MLB	42	Dustin Earnest (6-3, 229, Sr.)
	30	Ryan Roberson (5-10, 237, So.)
SLB	18	Emmanuel Acho (6-2, 235, Jr.)
	11	Jared Norton (6-3, 248, Sr.)
LCB	4	Aaron Williams (6-1, 192, Jr.)
	7	Deon Beasley (5-10, 175, Sr.)
RCB	3	Curtis Brown (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	8	Chykie Brown (6-0, 187, Sr.)
FS	21	Blake Gideon (6-1, 200, Jr.)
	2	Nolan Brewster (6-2, 210, Jr.)
SS	6	Christian Scott (6-1, 215, Jr.)
	16	Kenny Vaccaro (6-1, 201, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	19	Justin Tucker (6-1, 177, Jr.)
P	47	John Gold (6-3, 205, Sr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	TEXAS	OPP
SCORING	550	234
Points Per Game	39.3	16.7
FIRST DOWNS	330	217
Rushing	128	71
Passing	175	121
Penalty	27	25
RUSHING YARDAGE	2066	1013
Yards gained rushing	2413	1592
Yards lost rushing	347	579
Rushing Attempts	513	458
Average Per Rush	4.0	2.2
Average Per Game	147.6	72.4
TDs Rushing	28	9
PASSING YARDAGE	3831	2514
Att-Comp-Int	362-540-16	255-460-25
Average Per Pass	7.1	5.5
Average Per Catch	10.6	9.9
Average Per Game	273.6	179.6
TDs Passing	29	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	5897	3527
Total Plays	1053	918
Average Per Play	5.6	3.8
Average Per Game	421.2	251.9
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	43-1119	36-1840
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	30-395	25-257
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	25-349	16-126

TEAM STATISTICS	TEXAS	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	26.0	21.4
PUNT RETURN AVG.	13.2	10.3
INT RETURN AVG.	14.0	7.9
FUMBLES-LOST	17-12	25-12
PENALTIES-YARDS	94-817	105-921
Average Per Game	58.4	65.8
PUNTS-YARDS	64-2537	96-3753
Average Per Punt	39.6	39.1
Net punt average	34.1	34.4
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:34	29:26
3RD-DOWN CONV.	95/210	53/200
3rd-Down Pct.	45%	26%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	8/14	10/21
4th-Down Pct.	57%	48%
SACKS BY-YARDS	46-339	31-179
MISC YARDS	0	30
TDS SCORED	68	27
FG-ATTEMPTS	24-27	15-21
PAT-ATTEMPTS	66-67	25-26
ATTENDANCE	607049	289580
Games/Avg Per Game	6/101175	5/57916
Neutral Site Games		3/89042

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Texas	108	194	127	121	550
Opponent	39	85	31	79	234

2 OKLAHOMA SOONERS

DEMARCO MURRAY, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Look for the Sooners to turn All-America wide receiver Ryan Broyles loose.
- There's no getting around end Jeremy Beal, or through linebacker Travis Lewis.
- As in 2009, so much depends on offensive line development.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Utah State	
S.11	Florida State	
S.18	Air Force	
S.25	@CINCINNATI	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	Texas*	13-16

College football has the best regular season and this is the best of the regular season games. The Sooners have lost four of five after winning five straight.

O.16	Iowa State	
O.23	@MISSOURI	
O.30	Colorado	
N.6	@TEXAS A&M	65-10
N.13	Texas Tech	13-41
N.20	@BAYLOR	33-7
N.27	@OKLAHOMA STATE	27-0

** at Dallas*

BOWL PROJECTION

SUGAR BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
JAMARKUS McFARLAND, DT

He was the top-rated recruit in OU's 2009 class, but got off to a slow start. It started coming together late in the season, as McFarland helped plug Stanford's power running game in the Sun Bowl.

In 2009, Oklahoma made the most of a lousy season—by Sooner standards.

The final record of 8-5 was buoyed by a regular-season stomping of Oklahoma State and an encouraging triumph over Stanford in the Sun Bowl.

But El Paso isn't where the Sooners expected to end a season that started with a returning Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback, the nation's top playmaking tight end and a defensive tackle who had NFL scouts drooling.

But after QB Sam Bradford went down twice and tight end Jermaine Gresham missed the entire season, defensive tackle Gerald McCoy couldn't win games by himself.

All have moved on, but nothing less than a division championship and run at perfection are expected at Oklahoma.

Which brings us to the 2010 edition of the Sooners.

"I'm very optimistic about this group," coach Bob Stoops says.

He has good reason to.

Quarterback Landry Jones is essentially a year ahead of schedule. He appeared in all 13 games last season—starting 10 because of Bradford's injuries—and passed for 3,198 yards and 26 touchdowns.

"I feel like I stepped in and played pretty well," Jones says.

For the most part, he did. There were the six touchdowns against Tulsa, but also five interceptions against Nebraska.

But with a month to prepare for Stanford in the bowl game, Jones threw for 418 yards and three touchdowns. He brought that momentum into spring practice.

"No comparison to where he was this year versus this time a year ago," Stoops said during spring workouts. "He has a much better understanding of things."

As for those around him, questions abound. The offensive line, a great unknown entering last season, was wrecked by injuries. This year, Oklahoma breaks in three new starters and the two returnees—center Ben Habern and tackle Jarvis Jones—nursed injuries during the spring.

The Sooners are excited about the return of left tackle Donald Stephenson,

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who missed last year after being suspended from the team for violating team rules. A better year is expected from tackle Cory Brandon, who wound up losing his job in 2009.

At wide receiver, Ryan Broyles returns as one of the Big 12's best. He's a dynamo in a small package (listed at 5-11, 178 pounds), and entered the Sooners' record books for most touchdown receptions (15), receptions (89) and catches in a game with 13 in the Sun Bowl, where he was named the game's Offensive MVP.

The second option is Dejuan Miller, a big target at 6-4 who came on strong at the end of last season. Miller had 25 of his 36 receptions in the final six games. Still, the position isn't as strong as it has been in recent years.

Running back is in good shape. After sharing time with Chris Brown, DeMarco Murray becomes the featured back. He topped 1,000 yards rushing two years ago as a sophomore and has averaged 5.2 yards per carry. Murray is especially dangerous as a receiver out of the backfield, and picked up 41 of his career 86 receptions last season.

Defensively, the Sooners have plenty of stars to replace as usual. McCoy was tremendous. Cornerbacks Dom Franks and Brian Jackson were difference-makers.

Up front, Oklahoma is set at end with third-year starter Jeremy Beal and Frank Alexander.

Adrian Taylor was solid at tackle last season, but he continues to recover from a gruesome broken leg suffered in the Sun Bowl. Stepping in for McCoy is Jamarkus McFarland, whom coaches believe is a rising star.

Linebacker Travis Lewis is one of the top returning defenders in the Big 12. Two years ago, he recorded 19 tackles against Texas and became the league's Defensive Newcomer of the Year. He's been the Sooners' leading tackler in both seasons.

Ronnell Lewis was one of Oklahoma's top special teams players last season and will get a look along with Austin Box at strongside linebacker, with Tom Wort and Daniel Franklin in the middle.

Jonathan Nelson took over as the strong safety late last year and wound up with three interceptions. He was moved to corner in the spring and will team with Demontre Hurst, who saw plenty of action last season as a freshman.

At free safety, Quinton Carter had four picks and was second on the team in tackles. Strong safety belongs to Sam Proctor, who had 10 starts in 2009.

Broyles earned most of his accolades last season as a punt returner. He returned a punt 87 yards for a touchdown against Oklahoma State and ranked third nationally at 15.87 yards per return. The Sooners' other big special teams weapon is punter Tress Way (45.7-yard average), who had one of the top seasons in school history as a freshman.

RECRUITING REPORT

There aren't any weaknesses in the Sooners' class. Oklahoma landed a prototypical big quarterback in **Blake Bell**, two explosive running backs in **Roy Finch** and **Brennan Clay** and a game-breaking wide receiver in **Kenny Stills**. In the trenches, OU should be in good shape for the next few years by building around **Bronson Irwin**, **Daryl Williams** and **Austin Woods**.

Defensively, the Sooners stole four-star linebacker **Corey Nelson** from Texas A&M late and also added some size on the defensive interior in **Eric Humphrey** and **Torrea Peterson**. With the versatility of prospects such as **Justin McCay**, **James Haynes**, **Joe Powell** and **Tony Jefferson**, the Sooners have plenty of options for how to use their talent.

—Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 BIG 12: 5-3
(beat Stanford in the Sun Bowl, 31-27)

Coach: Bob Stoops, 12th year (117-29)
Career record: 117-29
Offensive coordinator:
Kevin Wilson (9th year)
Defensive coordinator:
Brent Venables (12th year)

Stadium: Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stadium (82,112)
Tickets: 800-456-4668
Site: Norman
Official athletic Web site:
www.soonersports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Landry Jones	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	12	130.83	449-261-14	58.1	3198	26	266.5

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
DeMarco Murray	12	171	705	4.1	8	58.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Ryan Broyles	12	89	1120	12.6	15	93.3

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Travis Lewis	13	56	53	109

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Jeremy Beal	13	11	72

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Quinton Carter	4	24	6.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Landry Jones (6-4, 216, So.)
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	73	Josh Aladenoye (6-5, 342, Fr.)
TE	88	Eric Mensik (6-6, 265, Sr.)
	47	Trent Ratterree (6-3, 225, Jr.)
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WR	16	Jaz Reynolds (6-2, 181, So.)
	6	Cameron Kenney (6-1, 190, Sr.)
WR	85	Ryan Broyles (5-11, 178, Jr.)
	17	Mossis Madu (6-0, 200, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	44	Jeremy Beal (6-3, 261, Sr.)
	90	David King (6-5, 236, So.)
LDT	86	Adrian Taylor (6-4, 291, Sr.)
	92	Stacy McGee (6-4, 272, So.)
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	9	Gabe Lynn (6-0, 186, Fr.)
FS	20	Quinton Carter (6-1, 193, Sr.)
	13	Marcus Trice (5-8, 178, So.)
SS	27	Sam Proctor (6-0, 206, Jr.)
	5	Joseph Ibiloye (6-3, 208, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	43	Patrick O'Hara (6-0, 185, So.)
P	36	Tress Way (6-1, 215, So.)

Sporting News All-American

2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	OKLAHOMA	OPP
SCORING	404	189
Points Per Game	31.1	14.5
FIRST DOWNS	304	200
Rushing	110	76
Passing	154	98
Penalty	40	26
RUSHING YARDAGE	1750	1208
Yards gained rushing	2048	1641
Yards lost rushing	298	433
Rushing Attempts	485	432
Average Per Rush	3.6	2.8
Average Per Game	134.6	92.9
TDs Rushing	18	10
PASSING YARDAGE	3760	2336
Att-Comp-Int	300-519-15	233-434-18
Average Per Pass	7.2	5.4
Average Per Catch	12.5	10.0
Average Per Game	289.2	179.7
TDs Passing	28	11
TOTAL OFFENSE	5510	3544
Total Plays	1004	866
Average Per Play	5.5	4.1
Average Per Game	423.8	272.6
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	33-687	74-1492
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	43-699	17-30
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	18-225	15-179

TEAM STATISTICS	OKLAHOMA	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	20.8	20.2
PUNT RETURN AVG.	16.3	1.8
INT RETURN AVG.	12.5	11.9
FUMBLES-LOST	26-11	23-12
PENALTIES-YARDS	107-1044	128-1075
Average Per Game	80.3	82.7
PUNTS-YARDS	62-2787	100-4238
Average Per Punt	45.0	42.4
Net punt average	40.3	33.6
TIME OF POSS./GAME	28:43	31:17
3RD-DOWN CONV.	81/202	62/207
3rd-Down Pct.	40%	30%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	7/20	8/14
4th-Down Pct.	35%	57%
SACKS BY-YARDS	38-243	15-124
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	50	22
FG-ATTEMPTS	18-28	12-16
PAT-ATTEMPTS	48-50	19-21
ATTENDANCE	508670	24988
Games/Avg Per Game	6/84778	4/62372
Neutral Site Games		3/75053

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Oklahoma	106	126	98	74	404
Opponent	20	77	51	41	189

3 TEXAS A&M AGGIES

JERROD JOHNSON, QB

It's all about the defense.

But if Texas A&M improves, the Aggies move up the division ladder and progress is made.

If the Aggies offer the same mind-numbing statistics as last year—giving up 33.5 points and 426.3 total yards per game and surrendering more than 40 points on five occasions—then coach Mike Sherman could be looking for employment elsewhere.

Four defensive coaches from last season are no longer with the Aggies. The new additions include coordinator Tim DeRuyter from Air Force, which finished 10th nationally in scoring defense and 11th in total defense last season, and former A&M great Dat Nguyen.

The overhauled defense will operate out of the 3-4 with plenty of zone blitzes and pressures. Think Pittsburgh Steelers. It's an aggressive, attacking style that should take full advantage of the Aggies' greatest defensive asset, Von Miller, who led the nation with 17 sacks last year.

Miller will line up as a roving linebacker—A&M call it the "jack" position—and will be aligned with offensive tackles, allowing the Aggies to drop him back in coverage.

Nine starters are back on a defense that should be quicker than earlier Sherman versions.

A player to follow is Lucas Patterson, who moved to nose tackle. Patterson had several spring practices during which his play was termed "disruptive."

The offense should again be potent. In Jerrod Johnson, the Aggies return the division's most experienced quarterback.

Johnson was a second-team all-conference choice after setting a slew of school records last season. His best effort came late, in a loss to Texas. Johnson went 26-for-33 for 342 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 97 yards.

He's had 22 career starts, and showed his toughness in the spring when he returned to drills after offseason surgery to his throwing shoulder following an injury in the Texas game.

The Aggies are loaded at running back with Christine Michael and Cyrus Gray, who combined for 1,601 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Plus, there's a glut of talent behind them.

The same situation exists at wide receiver. The top three wideouts, who combined to catch 127 passes last season, are back. Uzoma Nwachukwu, Ryan Tannehill and Jeff Fuller also had 17 touchdowns among them.

All of this offense happened behind a line that got better as the year progressed, but plenty of replacements need to be found. Matt Allen, who began his career at LSU, looks like the starting center after playing guard last year.

Hutson Prioleau is the favorite to replace graduated tight end Jamie McCoy.

THE NEXT BIG THING
LUKE JOECKEL, OT

Joeckel, a true freshman who graduated early from high school, is a leading candidate to start at right offensive tackle. His solid play against Von Miller in spring workouts helped win over the coaches.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-7 BIG 12: 3-5
(lost to Georgia in the Independence Bowl, 44-20)

Coach: Mike Sherman, 3rd year (10-15)
Career record: 10-15
Offensive coordinator: Unavailable at press time
Defensive coordinator: Tim DeRuyter (1st year)

Stadium: Kyle Field (82,600)
Tickets: 979-845-2311
Site: College Station
Official athletic Web site: www.aggieathletics.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Stephen F. Austin	
S.11	Louisiana Tech	
S.18	Florida International	
S.30	@OKLAHOMA STATE	31-36
O.9	Arkansas*	19-47
O.16	Missouri	
O.23	@KANSAS	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.30	Texas Tech	52-30

The Aggies pit their new defense against the Red Raiders' tweaked offense. A&M won huge in Lubbock last season and there is no love lost between these programs.

N.6	Oklahoma	10-65
N.13	@BAYLOR	38-3
N.20	Nebraska	
N.25	@TEXAS	39-49

** at Arlington, TX*

BOWL PROJECTION
INSIGHT BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- There need to be more games like the '09 Texas affair for QB Jerrod Johnson.
- The revamped defensive staff is on the clock and must get things done now.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	1	Jerrod Johnson (6-5, 243, Sr.)
FB	29	Anthony Vela (5-11, 233, Sr.)
RB	32	Cyrus Gray (5-10, 196, Jr.)
LOT	64	Stephen Barrera (6-5, 302, So.)
LOG	65	Evan Eike (6-4, 305, Jr.)
C	70	Matt Allen (6-2, 294, Sr.)
ROG	61	Patrick Lewis (6-2, 312, So.)
ROT		Luke Joeckel (6-6, 288, Fr.)
TE	80	Hutson Prioleau (6-4, 253, Fr.)
WR	8	Jeff Fuller (6-4, 215, Jr.)
WR	7	Uzoma Nwachukwu (6-0, 189, So.)

DEFENSE

DE	99	Spencer Nealy (6-5, 245, So.)
DT	77	Lucas Patterson (6-4, 303, Sr.)
DT	19	Eddie Brown (6-0, 288, Jr.)
OLB	40	Von Miller (6-3, 240, Sr.)
ILB	8	Garrick Williams (6-2, 230, Jr.)
ILB	18	Kyle Mangan (6-2, 231, So.)
OLB	37	Michael Hodges (6-0, 226, Jr.)
LCB	22	Dustin Harris (6-0, 168, So.)
RCB	7	Terrence Frederick (5-10, 180, Jr.)
FS	16	Steven Campbell (6-0, 195, So.)
SS	1	Trent Hunter (5-10, 185, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	28	Randy Bullock (5-9, 210, Jr.)
P	48	Ryan Epperson (6-2, 193, So.)

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RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Luke Joeckel
OL, 6-6, 280
Joeckel proved to be one of the top offensive tackles in the country and had a great showing at the Under Armour All-American Game.

2
Cedric Ogbuehi
OL, 6-5, 270
One of the few players last season to slow down five-star defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat, Ogbuehi was a U.S. Army All-American.

3
Jake Matthews
OL, 6-5, 275
He has the pedigree and superior physical tools to actually contribute along the offensive line as a freshman.

4
Shep Klinke
OL, 6-7, 290
Klinke will definitely battle for playing time as a true freshman as either a left or right offensive tackle.

5
Brandon Jackson
DT, 6-4, 287
Jackson isn't very flashy, but he is effective—particularly when it comes to stopping the run.

SCOTT SEWELL / CSM

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.5	**SMU**	

The game was moved to Sunday for exposure. All eyes will be on Tommy Tuberville and the changes from the old regime. Oh, and we should know the identity of the Red Raiders' starting quarterback by then.

S.11	@NEW MEXICO	48-28
S.18	Texas	24-34
O.2	@IOWA STATE	
O.9	@BAYLOR*	20-13
O.16	Oklahoma State	17-24
O.23	@COLORADO	
O.30	@TEXAS A&M	30-52
N.6	Missouri	
N.13	@OKLAHOMA	41-13
N.20	Weber State	
N.27	Houston	28-29

** At Dallas, TX*

BOWL PROJECTION

DALLAS FOOTBALL CLASSIC

BULLET POINTS

- Tuberville brings an SEC defensive mentality to the Big 12's most offensive-minded program.
- New 3-4 defense will rely on quickness.
- The quarterback job is up for grabs.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	15	Taylor Potts (6-5, 218, Sr.)
RB	25	Baron Batch (5-11, 205, Sr.)
LOT	70	Chris Olson (6-5, 296, Sr.)
LOG	78	Lonnie Edwards (6-5, 290, Jr.)
C	73	Justin Keown (6-4, 302, Sr.)
ROG	77	Mickey Okafor (6-7, 319, Jr.)
ROT	65	LaAdrian Waddle (6-6, 350, So.)
TE	86	Alexander Torres (6-2, 196, So.)
WR	11	Tramain Swindall (6-3, 180, Jr.)
WR	17	Detron Lewis (6-0, 209, Sr.)
WR	19	Lyle Leong (6-1, 165, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	82	Kerry Hyder (6-3, 255, Fr.)
NT	93	Colby Whitlock (6-2, 287, Sr.)
DE		Scott Smith (6-7, 275, Jr.)
LB	57	Brian Duncan (6-1, 240, Sr.)
LB	20	Bront Bird (6-3, 240, Sr.)
LB	13	Julius Howard (6-1, 208, Sr.)
LB	89	Aundrey Barr (6-3, 238, Fr.)
LCB	10	Eugene Neboh (5-11, 174, So.)
RCB	28	LaRon Moore (5-9, 200, Sr.)
FS	16	Cody Davis (6-2, 200, So.)
SS	26	Franklin Mitchem (6-2, 198, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	85	Matt Williams (5-8, 164, Sr.)
P	43	Ryan Erxleben (6-0, 190, So.)

TAYLOR POTTS, QB

And now for something completely different.

Maybe not completely.

The Red Raiders plan on pitching the pig around the park as usual. But the coach who created the game's most productive passing attack over the last decade, Mike Leach, is out.

Tommy Tuberville, late of Auburn, is in.

Out with pirates and Under Armour; in with Twitter and neckties.

In what will be one of college football's most scrutinized sidelines this season, Tuberville takes over for the never-dull Leach, who was fired after 10 seasons.

In one of Tuberville's first public appearances, he said he didn't arrive in Lubbock to play bowl-eligible football.

"We know how to win championships," he told a fan gathering before spring practice. "You can just imagine the excitement when we do win, because we're going to win a championship. We're going to win two, maybe three, maybe four. It just depends on what the good Lord wants us to have."

Not sure about the desires of higher powers, but Tech fans wouldn't mind seeing the Red Raiders continue their winning ways. It's the only Big 12 program to finish at least .500 in each of the conference's 14 years.

Tuberville says he's planning only tweaks to the offense, and the Red Raiders had to endure spring without either senior vying for the starting QB spot. Taylor Potts and Steven Sheffield both missed workouts with injuries. Sheffield had surgery on the bone in his left finger that he injured against Nebraska, while Potts split the webbing between his right index and middle finger after hitting a teammate's helmet.

Tuberville wants a little more balance in the attack. Baron Batch (884 rushing yards, 14 TDs last season) can expect a heavier workload at running back.

Defensive coordinator James Willis oversees a new 3-4 scheme that should keep everybody engaged.

"We'll play 25 players, run them in and out," Tuberville says.

That's about seven more than were part of the defensive rotation last season. Tuberville noticed that Tech's worst quarter for surrendering points was the fourth. He vows that Tech won't have tired legs late in the game anymore.

Among the returning players whose role will change is LaRon Moore, who will roam everywhere in the secondary.

Getting a pass rush could be a challenge, as Brandon Sharpe and his 15 sacks have graduated.

"We're going to have a lot of fronts and a lot of different looks," Tuberville says. "We'll be a surprise attack team in terms of moving around and using quickness."

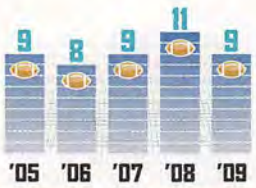
QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 BIG 12: 5-3
(beat Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl, 41-31)

Coach: Tommy Tuberville, 1st year
Career record: 110-60
Offensive coordinator: Neal Brown (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: James Willis (1st year)

Stadium: Jones AT&T Stadium (52,882)
Tickets: 806-742-TECH
Site: Lubbock
Official athletic Web site: www.texastech.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND



RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Scott Smith
DE, 6-7, 275
Smith was one of the most highly rated and highly recruited defensive ends in the junior college ranks.

2 — Scotty Young
QB, 6-3, 185
The Red Raiders got one of the nation's most productive QBs in Young, who threw for 4,000 yards in each of past two seasons.

3 — Brandon Smith
S, 6-1, 175
Relatively new to football, Smith flashes phenomenal athleticism and big-play ability; he has tremendous potential.

4 — Shawn Corker
WR, 6-1, 183
Corker has speed and skill to burn and will make an impact for Texas Tech's offense.

5 — Lavaughn Whigham
WR, 6-1, 180
Whigham is another explosive receiver who should help stretch the field for Tech's offense.

THE NEXT BIG THING
BRIAN DUNCAN, OLB/DE

He started as a middle linebacker last season but is now a hybrid 'backer/end because Tech needs his quickness on the edge. Duncan easily made the transition in the spring.

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5 BAYLOR BEARS

Not to suggest Robert Griffin is super human, but he completed 13 of 19 passes for 226 yards and three touchdowns after tearing the ACL in his right knee. It happened in the season's third game, in what amounted to a scrimmage against Northwestern State, and Griffin was so adamant about continuing the season that he attended the postgame news conference and declared himself fit.

"I played on it, so I should be able to play on it again," Griffin said.

But Bears coach Art Briles knew better. Griffin was shut down for the season, and the decision ended any realistic hopes of the breakthrough season long sought by the program.

There were some nice moments, though. The Bears played Nebraska tough at home, upset Missouri in Columbia and threw a scare into Texas Tech in the finale. But in a year when Baylor returned many of its top defensive players, it needed Griffin.

The recovery went well. He was running in January, going about 95 percent in spring workouts and is expected to be at full strength for fall camp. So, Baylor's quest to become bowl-eligible for the first time in its Big 12 history will start anew.

Griffin flashed his brilliance as a freshman, passing for 2,091 yards and rushing for 843. He set a national freshman record for consecutive passes thrown without an interception (209), and when he dropped track last spring to concentrate on football, Baylor's spirits were lifted even higher.

But Briles knows this can't all be a Griffin thing. When he arrived from Houston after the 2007 season, Briles vowed to upgrade the athleticism across the board.

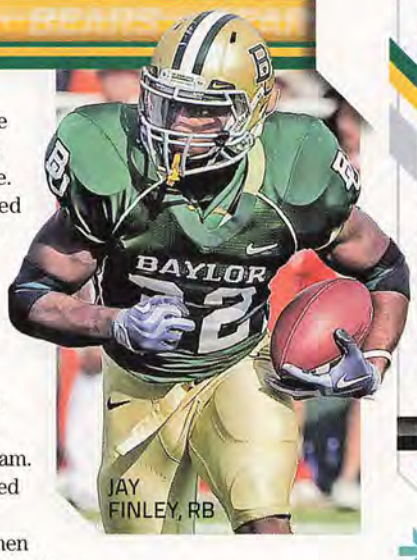
"We've got Big 12 South players now," Briles says. "When you play in the best division in football, you've got to have the best people."

It appears to be happening. The Bears have assembled a massive offensive line, and that's essential to developing a ground game that produced a mere 100.6 yards per game last season. The good news here is the health of running back Jay Finley, who, after an 865-yard rushing season in 2008, was limited to 370 in nine games last year.

The Bears have upgraded talent at wide receiver, led by Josh Gordon, and Kendall Wright remains a breakaway threat as an inside receiver.

Defensively, it's time for big Phil Taylor to step up. The heralded transfer from Penn State didn't produce as expected in his first season at tackle, but he's now 20 pounds lighter and in better shape.

Antonio Johnson is the lone returning starting linebacker. Even with the loss of talented Joe Pawelek, however, the corps should be improved. Elliot Coffey brings a speed element.



JAY FINLEY, RB

THE NEXT BIG THING
PRINCE KENT, S

Kent originally signed with Miami but detoured through Hargrave Military Academy to improve his grades. The Bears got their claws in him and the freshman will bring speed to Baylor's secondary.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Sam Houston State	
S.11	Buffalo	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**@TCU**	

The Bears' first true test comes against a TCU program that should be ranked. Robert Griffin taking on the Frogs' defense should be fun.

S.25	@RICE	
O.2	Kansas	
O.9	Texas Tech*	13-20
O.16	@COLORADO	
O.23	Kansas State	
O.30	@TEXAS	14-47
N.6	@OKLAHOMA STATE	7-34
N.13	Texas A&M	3-38
N.20	Oklahoma	7-33

** at Dallas*

BOWL PROJECTION

TEXAS BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Quarterback Robert Griffin's full recovery from knee surgery is crucial.
- Baylor's best offensive line in years should keep the offense humming.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 BIG 12: 1-7

Coach: Art Briles, 3rd year (8-16)
Career record: 42-43
Offensive coordinators: Randy Clements (3rd year), Philip Montgomery (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Brian Norwood (3rd year)

Stadium: Floyd Casey Stadium (50,000)
Tickets: 800-BAYLOR-U
Site: Waco, Texas
Official athletic Web site: www.baylorbears.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY

Conference Title *Bowl* *National Title*

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Robert Griffin (6-2, 210, So.)
RB	23	Jay Finley (5-11, 210, Sr.)
LOT	59	Danny Watkins (6-4, 310, Sr.)
LOG	71	Cameron Kaufhold (6-4, 300, So.)
C	74	Philip Blake (6-3, 305, Jr.)
ROG	63	John Jones (6-3, 310, Jr.)
ROT	78	Ivory Wade (6-3, 300, So.)
TE	9	Brad Taylor (6-3, 235, Sr.)
WR	18	Lanear Sampson (5-11, 200, So.)
WR	1	Kendall Wright (5-10, 185, Jr.)
WR	12	Josh Gordon (6-3, 220, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	10	Gary Mason Jr. (6-4, 265, So.)
LDT	13	Tracy Robertson (6-4, 270, Jr.)
RDT	11	Phil Taylor (6-4, 355, Sr.)
RDE	96	Zac Scotton (6-6, 275, Jr.)
SLB	37	Elliot Coffey (6-0, 220, Jr.)
MLB	36	Chris Francis (6-0, 235, Sr.)
WLB	7	Antonio Johnson (6-0, 215, Sr.)
LCB	39	Chance Casey (5-11, 180, So.)
RCB	20	Clifton Odom (5-11, 170, Sr.)
FS	5	Tim Atchison (6-1, 200, Sr.)
SS	14	Byron Landor (6-0, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	40	Ben Parks (6-2, 210, Jr.)
P	38	Derek Epperson (6-3, 235, Sr.)

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RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Ahmad Dixon
S, 6-1, 195
After several commitments and decommitments, Baylor signed one of the top safeties in the country in Dixon.

2
Sean Watson
DT, 6-3, 283
Baylor stole Watson out of Florida, and his size and athleticism could make him an all-conference performer.

3
Tyler Stephenson
CB, 5-10, 175
The four-star prospect was ranked one of the five fastest recruits in the nation by *Rivals.com*.

4
Prince Kent
S, 6-3, 200
Kent ranks as one of the top 10 prep school prospects in the nation. He originally signed with Miami out of high school.

5
Dominique Jones
DT, 6-2, 278
Jones is an athletic defensive tackle who can stop the run and get after the quarterback.

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OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS 6

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Washington State	
S.11	Troy	
S.18	Tulsa	
GAME TO WATCH		
9.30	**Texas A&M**	**36-31**

This looms as the first in a series of battles for third place in the South. The Aggies figure to be improved, but the Cowboys have won two straight in the series.

O.8	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
O.16	@TEXAS TECH	24-17
O.23	Nebraska	
O.30	@KANSAS STATE	
N.6	Baylor	34-7
N.13	@TEXAS	14-41
N.20	@KANSAS	
N.27	Oklahoma	0-27

KENDALL HUNTER, RB

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BULLET POINTS

- Feed the beast: Kendall Hunter becomes the offensive centerpiece.
- Orie Lemon and Markelle Martin must become defensive leaders.
- The offensive line is protecting a new quarterback without No. 6 overall NFL draft pick Russell Okung.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	3	Brandon Weeden (6-4, 224, Jr.)
RB	24	Kendall Hunter (5-8, 197, Sr.)
LOT	75	Nick Martinez (6-4, 317, Jr.)
LOG	70	Jonathan Rush (6-4, 314, Jr.)
C	68	Lane Taylor (6-2, 301, So.)
ROG	65	Anthony Morgan (6-5, 320, Sr.)
ROT	73	Levy Adcock (6-6, 330, Jr.)
TE	87	Tracy Moore (6-2, 237, So.)
WR	84	Hubert Anyiam (6-0, 198, Jr.)
WR	25	Josh Cooper (5-11, 192, Jr.)
WR	81	Justin Blackmon (6-1, 207, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	50	Jamie Blatnick (6-3, 270, Jr.)
LDT	95	Chris Donaldson (6-1, 299, Sr.)
RDT	46	Shane Jarka (6-3, 295, Sr.)
RDE	91	Ugo Chinasa (6-5, 252, Sr.)
SLB	22	James Thomas (5-11, 209, Jr.)
MLB	59	Tolu Moala (6-0, 230, Sr.)
WLB	41	Orie Lemon (6-1, 246, Sr.)
LCB	16	Andrae May (5-11, 171, So.)
RCB	19	Brodrick Brown (5-8, 180, So.)
FS	12	Johnny Thomas (5-11, 195, Jr.)
SS	10	Markelle Martin (6-1, 190, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	95	Dan Bailey (6-0, 200, Sr.)
P	13	Quinn Sharp (6-1, 191, So.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 BIG 12: 6-2
(lost to Ole Miss in the Cotton Bowl, 21-7)

Coach: Mike Gundy, 6th year (36-27)
Career record: 36-27
Offensive coordinator: Dana Holgorsen (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Bill Young (2nd year)

Stadium: Boone Pickens Stadium (48,000)
Tickets: 405-744-5745
Site: Stillwater
Official athletic Web site: www.okstate.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Shaun Lewis
LB, 6-1, 205
Lewis had offers from around the country because of his headhunter style of play and nose for the football.

2 — Nathan Sorenson
QB, 6-3, 200
Sorenson emerged with an amazing senior season for one of the top high school programs (Texas High) in east Texas.

3 — Johnny Deaton
QB, 6-3, 195
Deaton was on his way to becoming one of Oklahoma's top senior prospects before he got hurt early last season.

4 — Javius Townsend
OL, 6-4, 297
Previously committed to Texas Tech, Townsend has fantastic athleticism and moves well for a big-bodied athlete.

5 — Caleb Lavey
LB, 6-4, 240
Lavey is a true inside linebacker who can hit as hard as anybody in the country.

The baton has been passed—from one veteran to another.

Only the Oklahoma State players will notice a different kind of experience at quarterback this season. Brandon Weeden, who replaces three-year starter Zac Robinson, is a fourth-year junior who is getting his first shot at running a team. At 26, though, he's the old man in the locker room.

Weeden spent five years playing minor league baseball. He returned to college in 2008 and has appeared in a total of four games in two seasons.

One was significant. He subbed for an injured Robinson against Colorado last season and led the Cowboys to a stirring comeback victory.

Weeden will operate a new look under new offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen, who was hired from Houston. The Cougars led the nation in total offense, passing offense and scoring offense while running a spread passing attack with Case Keenum. That approach rolled up 512 yards and 45 points in handing Oklahoma State its first loss last season.

Holgorsen knows the territory. He spent seven seasons at Texas Tech before arriving at Houston in 2008. Holgorsen takes over the offense at Oklahoma State from coach Mike Gundy, who says he had become "stretched too thin" performing both duties.

But here's the interesting part: Holgorson knows the passing game, and the Cowboys' greatest returning strength is a running game led by Kendall Hunter.

Hunter is coming off an injury-filled season in which he rushed for 382 yards. But he had 1,555 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2008 and has averaged six yards per attempt in his career.

There are plenty of questions as Oklahoma State looks to continue its winning ways. Four offensive linemen, including first-round draft selection Russell Okung, must be replaced. The Cowboys aren't deep at wide receiver, a position that took a big hit last year when Dez Bryant was suspended for the season. A big year is needed from Josh Cooper, who has shown great ability when he hasn't been injured.

There are more holes to fill on defense with only two full-time returning starters in end Ugo Chinasa and safety Markelle Martin.

Oklahoma State does return linebacker Orie Lemon, who missed last season with a torn ACL. Lemon started 13 games 2008 and was third on the team in unassisted tackles. He's a senior on a defense that desperately needs veteran leadership.

Cornerback and outside linebacker are the big concerns when it comes to experience on defense. Linebacker LeRon Furr, who sat out 2009 as a redshirt freshman, may have benefited most from bowl practices last postseason.

THE NEXT BIG THING
JOSH COOPER, WR

If he can stay healthy, Cooper could become the latest in a long succession of playmaking wide receivers in Stillwater. Plenty of balls will come his way in this pass-happy offense.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

C-USA

STOCK REPORT UP DOWN STEADY

EAST

1 UCF
2 Southern Miss
3 ECU
4 Marshall
5 UAB
6 Memphis

WEST

1 Houston
2 Tulsa
3 SMU
4 UTEP
5 Rice
6 Tulane

RATING CONFERENCE USA

Fastest Receiver
Tyron Carrier, Houston

Best Hands
Dwayne Harris, WR, East Carolina

Best Passing QB
Case Keenum, Houston

Best Running QB
G.J. Kinne, Tulsa

Most Elusive RB
Donald Buckram, UTEP

Best Instincts
Damaris Johnson, WR, Tulsa

Best Athlete
Tyron Carrier, WR, Houston

Best Under Pressure
Kyle Padron, QB, SMU

Top NFL Prospect
James Cleveland, WR, Houston

Top Impact Freshman
Darryl Fields, RB, SMU

Hardest Hitter
Mario Harvey, LB, Marshall

Biggest Underachiever
UTEP

Best Interview
Mike Price, UTEP

Best Coach
June Jones, SMU

Best Recruiter
Larry Fedora, Southern Miss

Worst Road Trip
UAB

C-USA still looking for that flawless candidate to turn heads at BCS party

By Eric Bailey, *Tulsa World*

Conference USA would love to break into the BCS bowl party. Getting there has been an elusive task over the past five football seasons. While other schools such as TCU, Utah and Boise State have advanced, C-USA hasn't come close to vaulting a team into the national spotlight.

The blueprint for non-BCS schools is easy. Win all of your games—including some against attractive nonconference foes—and get rewarded with a lucrative BCS invite. But C-USA schools cannot even survive league play. Since realignment in 2005, no one has gone through the conference schedule unscathed.

Houston drew attention to itself last year with an 8-1 start and top-15 BCS ranking. The rally, which included wins against Oklahoma State, Mississippi State and Texas Tech, marked the fourth time since 1998 that a non-BCS program posted at least three wins against BCS schools. However, the Cougars dropped three of their last five games to vanish from consideration.

Tulsa was in a similar situation two years ago. The Golden Hurricane began the season 8-0 and started gaining notice. But a bad November beginning with a nonconference loss at Arkansas brought any BCS hopes to a screeching halt.

In 2010, Houston looks to once again be the league's top threat to crash the BCS party. The Cougars return nine starters, including Heisman Trophy candidate Case Keenum, from the nation's most prolific offense in 2009 and has a challenging nonconference schedule that includes UCLA, Mississippi State and Texas Tech. You will not catch Houston coach Kevin Sumlin and his team looking ahead, though, to the big bowls.

"Those types of things don't happen overnight," Sumlin says. "Some of the teams in the Mountain West and WAC, those were years in the making. They won a lot of football games. We won games and were in a good position last season but fell short. It was a learning process for the program. We were in uncharted waters, being ranked and getting the national media's attention. Now we are going to try to focus and take a week-to-week approach."

RECRUITING ROUNDUP By Barton Simmons, *Rivals.com*

1. HOUSTON Kevin Sumlin's class features four-star QB Terrance Broadway and junior college defender Matangi Tonga.
2. SOUTHERN MISS Larry Fedora has some of the state's top players heading to Hattiesburg.
3. UCF The Golden Knights crashed on the Miami area, including four talented players from Miami Central.
4. MEMPHIS Larry Porter signed DB Lonnie Ballentine, who graduated high school a year early to play for his hometown team.
5. MARSHALL The Herd signed big names such as safety Brian Robinson, athlete Antwon Chisholm and wideout Fred Pickett.
6. TULSA Two athletes from the Texas juco ranks—Navarro's Derrick Hall and Milton Howell—join prep DE Relus Chance.
7. SMU Signees like Darryl Fields, Kyle Guinyard and Jeremy Johnson should continue to elevate the talent in Dallas.
8. EAST CAROLINA Three QBs highlight the signees, most notably Dominique Davis.
9. UTEP Quarterback Javia Hall, wide receiver Jordan Leslie and tight end Eric Tomlinson are among the standouts.
10. UAB The Blazers are bringing in a strong group of wideouts led by Jamarious Crusoe.
11. RICE Rice signed a relatively small class, but all of them are Texas kids.
12. TULANE Running back Orleans Darkwa headlines Tulane's class.

ASCENDING

UCF The Knights will have the league's top defense and, if quarterback Rob Calabrese can be effective, could head to the C-USA title game for the third time in six seasons.

DESCENDING

TULANE The Green Wave will stray from the West Coast scheme, but they don't have the defense to stay with the teams that dominate C-USA using a spread offense.

ALL-CONFERENCE USA

OFFENSE

QB Case Keenum, Sr., Houston
RB Donald Buckram, Sr., UTEP
RB Brynn Harvey, Jr., UCF
OL Jah Reid, Sr., UCF
OL Rod Huntley, Sr., UTEP
OL Scott Mitchell, Sr., Rice
OL Kelvin Beachum, Sr., SMU
OL Tyler Holmes, Jr., Tulsa
TE Lee Smith, Sr., Marshall
WR DeAndre Brown, Jr., Southern Miss
WR James Cleveland, Sr., Houston
KR Tyron Carrier, Jr., Houston

DEFENSE

DL Bruce Miller, Sr., UCF
DL Scott Solomon, Sr., Rice
DL Elliott Henigan, Jr., UAB
DL Cory Dorris, So., Tulsa
LB Marcus McGraw, Jr., Houston
LB Korey Williams, Jr., Southern Miss
LB Mario Harvey, Sr., Marshall
DB Emanuel Davis, Jr., East Carolina
DB Josh Robinson, So., UCF
DB Hiram Atwater, Sr., UAB
DB Travis Simmons, Sr., East Carolina
PR Damaris Johnson, Jr., Tulsa

SPECIALISTS

K Kevin Fitzpatrick, Jr., Tulsa
P Michael Such, Sr., Tulsa

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1. UCF will represent C-USA in the Liberty Bowl. The Knights have a great defense and an offense that's almost there.

2. Tulsa may have a better team than last year (5-7), but it won't make a bowl game due to its difficult schedule.

3. SMU will challenge for a debut appearance in the C-USA championship game. June Jones has the Mustangs pointed in the right direction.

4. UTEP will start like gangbusters but hit a late-season swoon that, once again, will leave them home for the holidays for a fifth consecutive season.

CENTRAL FLORIDA KNIGHTS

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SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	South Dakota	
S.11	N.C. State	
S.18	@BUFFALO	23-17
S.25	@KANSAS STATE	
O.6	UAB	34-27
O.13	@MARSHALL	21-20
O.23	Rice	49-7
O.30	East Carolina	14-19
N.5	@HOUSTON	37-32
GAME TO WATCH		
N.13	Southern Miss	19-26

UCF could be playing for control of the C-USA East Division. Home-field advantage will likely be a factor, as the Knights have won six of seven in Orlando so far.

N.20	@TULANE	49-0
N.27	@MEMPHIS	32-14

BOWL PROJECTION

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Led by defensive end Bruce Miller, UCF's defense should be Conference USA's best.
- Thousand-yard rusher Brynn Harvey has four of five O-line starters returning.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

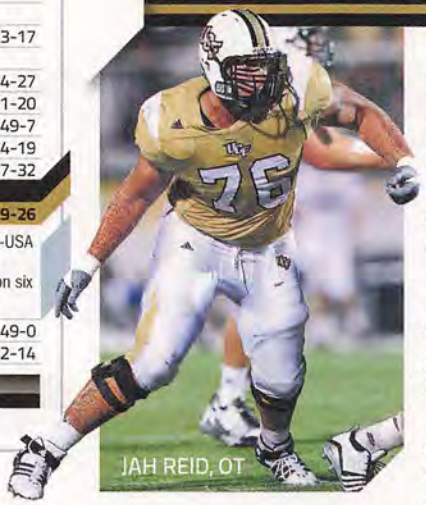
QB	4	Rob Calabrese (6-2, 220, Jr.)
FB	24	Brendan Kelly (6-3, 231, So.)
RB	34	Brynn Harvey (6-1, 207, Jr.)
LOT	77	Nick Pieschel (6-7, 299, Jr.)
LOG	65	Cliff McCray (6-2, 316, Sr.)
C	69	Zac Norris (6-3, 290, Jr.)
ROG	68	Theo Goins (6-4, 322, So.)
ROT	76	Jah Reid (6-7, 326, Sr.)
TE	88	Adam Nissley (6-6, 262, Jr.)
WR	3	A.J. Guyton (5-11, 194, r-Jr.)
WR	81	Kamar Aiken (6-2, 218, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	48	David Williams (6-2, 235, Sr.)
LDT	94	Wes Tunuufi Sauvao (6-3, 300, Sr.)
RDT	93	Frankie Davis (6-2, 291, Fr.)
RDE	49	Bruce Miller (6-2, 255, Sr.)
SLB	38	Derrick Hallman (6-0, 218, Sr.)
MLB	50	Josh Linam (6-3, 235, Jr.)
WLB	57	Lawrence Young (6-0, 220, Sr.)
LCB	20	Josh Robinson (5-10, 186, So.)
RCB	22	Emery Allen (5-9, 183, Sr.)
FS	18	Kemal Ishmael (5-11, 194, So.)
SS	21	Darin Baldwin (5-11, 207, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	16	Nick Cattoi (6-5, 210, Jr.)
P	41	Blake Clingan (6-3, 233, Sr.)



JAH REID, OT

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 C-USA: 6-2
(lost to Rutgers in the St. Petersburg Bowl, 45-24)

Coach: George O'Leary, 6th year (34-41)
Career record: 86-74
Offensive coordinator: Charlie Taaffe (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Dave Huxtable (3rd year)

Stadium: Bright House Networks Stadium (45,323)
Tickets: 407-823-1000
Site: Orlando
Official athletic Web site: www.ucfathletics.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

Central Florida rode a powerful defense to a Conference USA championship in 2007. And veteran coach George O'Leary is counting on a similar blueprint this season.

"Offense may put people in the seats, but defense wins games," O'Leary says. "We are going to have a defense that's aggressive and plays very stingy."

Experience on both sides of the football will be the biggest confidence booster, as the Knights return seven starters on a unit that led the league in total defense (350.5 yards per game), rushing defense (82.8) and tackles for loss (7.2 per game).

One name familiar to fans and foes alike is defensive end Bruce Miller. The All-America candidate and reigning C-USA Defensive Player of the Year leads the nation among current players with 27 sacks and 44 tackles for loss.

Linebackers Derrick Hallman and Lawrence Young are headhunters, while the secondary is patrolled by Josh Robinson and Kemal Ishmael, who both had outstanding freshman campaigns in 2009.

The Knights' offense has been handed to quarterback Rob Calabrese, who played in seven games last fall with three starts. He sits atop a depth chart that includes freshman Jeffrey Godfrey and Stanford transfer L.D. Crow.

"It is time for Rob Calabrese to take the reins and get things done the way we like to," O'Leary says. "He has all the attributes you want to see in a quarterback. He can throw and run and has a good head on his shoulders."

UCF brings back eight starters, including four on the offensive line. They will pave the way for running back Brynn Harvey, who rushed for 1,109 yards and 14 touchdowns last season.

"The key will be the offensive line," O'Leary says. "They have to have a good year."

The wide receiver corps is anchored by Kamar Aiken (36 receptions, 610 yards, 9 TDs) and A.J. Guyton (44, 572, 1). The squad also welcomes back seven players who caught at least 10 passes in 2009.

Special teams are important for the Knights with weapons in kick return specialists Darin Baldwin, Quincy McDuffie and Jamar Newsome. Each runner has returned a kickoff for at least 72 yards. Blake Clingan is a four-year starter at punter, and kicker Nick Cattoi returns this year as well.

The nonconference schedule is not an easy one, with N.C. State at home and Buffalo and Kansas State on the road.

The Knights will also have one rough 15-day stretch that includes a game against visiting East Carolina, a trip to Houston and a home contest against Southern Miss.

THE NEXT BIG THING
JOSH ROBINSON, DB

A unanimous first-team freshman All-American, Robinson had six interceptions last season.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Joshua Reese
WR, 6-1, 182
In a great year for receivers in south Florida, Reese was one of the best. He has a strong frame, soft hands and big-play ability.

2
Torian Wilson
OG, 6-4, 315
Wilson is a nationally recruited lineman from one of the most talent-laden programs in the country, Miami Northwestern.

3
Jeffrey Godfrey
QB, 5-11, 167
Don't be fooled by his height (5-11). Godfrey has a big-time arm and phenomenal athleticism.

4
Jordan Atkins
ATH, 6-3, 185
A high school quarterback, Atkins has explosive athleticism, good length and probably projects best at receiver.

5
Blake Bortles
QB, 6-4, 230
More of a prototypical quarterback than Godfrey, Bortles is a true pocket passer with a near-perfect frame for a QB.

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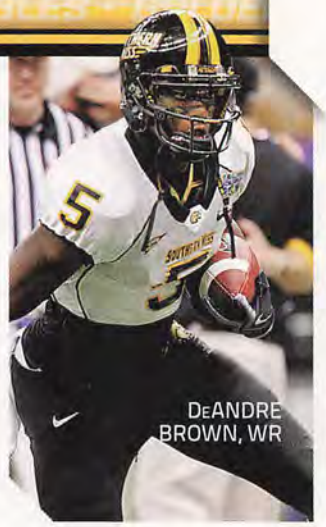
2 SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES


DeANDRE BROWN, WR

Southern Miss football has showcased a high-energy offense triggered by coach Larry Fedora's aggressive style.

Lost in the Golden Eagles' scoreboard-happy offense is a defense that gave up too many points—and yardage—during a 7-6 campaign last season.

Fedora wants to fix things in preparation for a Conference USA title run.

"I've said this the last two years: The team that plays the best defense in this league will win the league," Fedora says. "I still believe that. Everyone in the league has proved they can move the ball and score points. To win a championship, you have to do that with defense."

Fans attending Southern Miss games saw plenty of long passes last season. But many of those long balls were thrown by the opposition. The secondary needs immediate improvement.

The cornerback candidates are Deron Wilson, Chico Hunter, C.J. Bailey, Alex Smith and Marcal Robinson.

The anchors on the defense are nose tackle Anthony Gray, middle linebacker Korey Williams and strongside linebacker Martez Smith.

"Defensively, we have just about everyone back," Fedora says. "Our guys have experience and should be ready for a tough schedule."

The offense will enter fall camp with Austin Davis as its starting quarterback. Davis tore a ligament in his foot last October and missed the remainder of the season, but Fedora says he won't lose his job because of the injury.

Backup QB Martevious Young had some success filling in for Davis last season and completed 28 passes for 384 yards and four touchdowns in Southern Miss' spring game.

Whoever the quarterback is will have a talented receiver to throw to in DeAndre Brown. The junior suffered a broken leg in the 2008 New Orleans Bowl and didn't fully recover until late last year.

"He is back to 100 percent," Fedora says. "We are expecting a tremendous year going into his junior season. He is as fast as he has ever been and understands the offense better."

The biggest question will be who will replace record-breaking running back Damion Fletcher. V.J. Floyd had a spring game (83 yards rushing, 112 yards receiving) that opened plenty of eyes, but Tracey Lampley, Desmond Johnson and Kendrick Hardy are also pushing for playing time.

Though he hopes for one tailback to rise to the challenge, Fedora says he's not opposed to a carry-by-committee attack.

THE NEXT BIG THING
TRACEY LAMPLEY, KR/RB

Lampley was one of only five FBS players to have both a kick and punt returned for a touchdown last year. Look for the Southern Miss attack to use him as a running back and wide receiver this season.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 C-USA: 5-3
(lost to Middle Tennessee in the New Orleans Bowl, 42-32)

Coach: Larry Fedora, 3rd year (14-12)
Career record: 14-12
Offensive coordinator: Blake Anderson (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Todd Bradford (3rd year)

Stadium: M.M. Roberts Stadium (33,000)
Tickets: 800-844-TICK
Site: Hattiesburg
Official athletic Web site: www.southernmiss.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
S.11	Prairie View A&M	
S.17	Kansas	28-35
S.25	@LOUISIANA TECH	
O.2	Marshall	27-20
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	East Carolina	20-25

The two-time defending league champion invades Hattiesburg in an important C-USA East Division game. Southern Miss will be looking for revenge after a close road loss to ECU last season.

O.16	@MEMPHIS	36-16
O.30	UAB	17-30
N.6	@TULANE	43-6
N.13	@UCF	26-19
N.20	Houston	43-50
N.26	@TULSA	44-34

BOWL PROJECTION
BEEF 'O' BRADY'S BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Larry Fedora's high-octane offense will continue to put up lots of points.
- The defense must improve significantly for USM to make a legit run at a Conference USA title.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Austin Davis (6-2, 208, Jr.)
FB	40	Josh Hurd (6-0, 216, Sr.)
RB	1	Tracey Lampley (5-9, 170, So.)
LOT	75	Thomas Edenfield (6-5, 281, Jr.)
LOG	62	Austin Quattrochi (6-3, 286, So.)
C	59	Cameron Zipp (6-1, 282, Sr.)
ROG	55	Alex Michael (6-2, 319, Sr.)
ROT	76	Trevor Newsom (6-8, 294, Sr.)
TE	19	Jonathan Massey (6-3, 260, Sr.)
WR	5	DeAndre Brown (6-6, 231, Jr.)
WR	85	Quentin Pierce (5-11, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	91	Deddrick Jones (6-3, 244, Jr.)
LDT	90	Terrance Pope (6-3, 285, Jr.)
RDT	95	Anthony Gray (6-0, 314, Sr.)
RDE	49	Cordarro Law (6-2, 251, Jr.)
SLB	32	Martez Smith (6-0, 221, Sr.)
MLB	42	Korey Williams (6-2, 233, Jr.)
WLB	56	Ronnie Thornton (6-3, 225, Jr.)
LCB	20	C.J. Bailey (5-10, 184, Sr.)
RCB	30	Chico Hunter (6-0, 198, Sr.)
FS	22	Jamie Collins (6-3, 210, So.)
SS	8	Justin Wilson (5-11, 187, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	31	Justin Estes (5-9, 154, Sr.)
P	39	Peter Boehme (5-11, 213, So.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Lamar Holmes
OT, 6-6, 335
At his massive size, Holmes is as pretty as they come at offensive tackle. He will be expected to contribute coming early out of junior college.

2 — O.C. Brown
G, 6-2, 312
Though he may be a few years away, Brown is an incredible talent out of Memphis. He has great athleticism for a guard.

3 — Kelvin Bolden
WR, 6-0, 165
This undersized receiver led the National Junior College Athletic Association in receptions and yardage last season.

4 — Markese Triplett
WR, 6-4, 205
With great size, incredibly soft hands and good body control, Triplett is an outstanding possession receiver.

5 — Steve McNair Jr.
WR, 6-1, 195
McNair is the son of the late NFL All-Pro quarterback. This McNair is a savvy return man who is great with the ball after the catch.

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EAST CAROLINA PIRATES 3

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.5	Tulsa	44-17

The implementation of new offensive and defensive systems will be closely watched in the season opener against an opponent that's been humbled in back-to-back games against the Pirates.

S.11	Memphis	38-19
S.18	@VIRGINIA TECH	3-16
O.2	@NORTH CAROLINA	17-31
O.9	@SOUTHERN MISS	25-20
O.16	N.C. State	
O.23	Marshall	21-17
O.30	@UCF	19-14
N.6	Navy	
N.11	@UAB	37-21
N.20	@RICE	49-13
N.26	SMU	21-28

BOWL PROJECTION
EAGLEBANK BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-5 C-USA: 7-1
(lost to Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl, 20-17)

Coach: Ruffin McNeill, 1st year
Career record: 1-0
Offensive coordinator: Lincoln Riley (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Brian Mitchell (1st year)

Stadium: Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium (43,000)
Tickets: 800-DIAL-ECU
Site: Greenville, N.C.
Official athletic Web site: www.ecupirates.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Brad Wornick (6-2, 205, So.)
RB	2	Jon Williams (6-1, 196, Sr.)
LOT	69	Willie Smith (6-6, 290, Sr.)
LOG	75	Cory Dowless (6-5, 309, Sr.)
C	68	Will Towery (6-5, 308, Jr.)
ROG	66	D.J. Scott (6-6, 323, Sr.)
ROT	67	Grant Harner (6-6, 323, Fr.)
WR	12	Dayon Arrington (6-2, 205, So.)
WR	22	Michael Bowman (5-9, 165, Jr.)
WR	17	Dwayne Harris (6-0, 205, Sr.)
WR	19	Andrew Bodenheimer (6-3, 195, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	98	Matt Milner (6-4, 235, Fr.)
NT	99	Antonio Allison (6-4, 286, Jr.)
DT	91	Josh Smith (6-1, 274, Sr.)
RDE	59	Marke Powell (6-3, 198, So.)
SLB	6	Wes Pittman (5-11, 203, Sr.)
MLB	51	Steve Spence (6-2, 225, Jr.)
WLB	57	Dustin Lineback (5-11, 223, Sr.)
LCB	13	Travis Simmons (5-10, 177, Sr.)
RCB	38	Emanuel Davis (5-11, 190, Jr.)
FS	26	Derek Blacknall (5-11, 185, Jr.)
SS	30	Bradley Jacobs (5-10, 190, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	12	Ben Ryan (6-2, 199, Jr.)
P	43	Matt Millisor (6-0, 185, Fr.)

Ruffin McNeill drew huge cheers during an East Carolina basketball game last year when he appeared on a taped public service announcement.

Welcome home, Coach McNeill.

The 51-year-old was appointed head coach at his alma mater last January, taking over the two-time defending Conference USA champions.

But McNeill didn't inherit a stocked cupboard. The former Texas Tech defensive coordinator will have to replace 15 starters, including nine defensive players from last season's 9-5 squad.

Fans in Greenville will be introduced to new offensive and defensive schemes, as McNeill spent the spring installing a spread offense and an aggressive 4-3 defense.

Who will orchestrate the offense? Former walk-on Brad Wornick, sophomore Josh Jordan (61 passing yards) and redshirt freshman Rio Johnson received looks in the spring. Quarterback Dominique Davis, a transfer from Boston College, also will fight for playing time.

The new quarterback will have a star receiver in Dwayne Harris. The senior caught 83 passes for 873 yards last season and was C-USA's Special Teams Player of the Year.

Seniors Norman Whitley and Jon Williams received plenty of repetitions at running back during spring drills, but keep an eye on freshmen Michael Dobson and Alex Owah.

Only cornerbacks Emanuel Davis and Travis Simmons return on defense, as the unit is learning under new coordinator Brian Mitchell.

The Pirates will battle for their fifth straight bowl game appearance and have to overcome a challenging nonconference schedule.

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	@OHIO STATE	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.10	West Virginia	7-24

The annual Friends of Coal Bowl pits new coach Doc Holliday, in his first home game, against in-state rival West Virginia. Holliday was the Mountaineers assistant head coach last season.

S.18	@BOWLING GREEN	17-10
S.25	Ohio	
O.2	@SOUTHERN MISS	20-27
O.13	UCF	20-21
O.23	@EAST CAROLINA	17-21
O.30	UTEP	21-52
N.6	@UAB	27-7
N.13	Memphis	27-16
N.20	@SMU	34-31
N.27	Tulane	31-10

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 C-USA: 4-4
(beat Ohio in Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, 21-17)

Coach: Doc Holliday, 1st year
Offensive coordinators: Bill Legg (1st year), Tony Petersen (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Chris Rippon (1st year)

Stadium: Joan C. Edwards Stadium (38,019)
Tickets: 800-THE-HERD
Site: Huntington, W.Va.
Official athletic Web site: www.herdzone.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Brian Anderson (6-3, 212, Sr.)
RB	29	Martin Ward (5-9, 201, So.)
LOT	73	Ryan Tillman (6-5, 275, Jr.)
LOG	71	Chad Schofield (6-4, 304, Sr.)
C	63	Chris Bowers (6-2, 287, So.)
ROG	68	Landis Provancha (6-5, 314, Sr.)
ROT	75	C.J. Wood (6-5, 295, Jr.)
TE	16	Lee Smith (6-6, 267, Sr.)
WR	84	Chuck Walker (5-10, 177, Sr.)
WR	82	Antavious Wilson (6-0, 191, So.)
WR	80	Courtney Edmonson (6-0, 190, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Vinny Curry (6-4, 252, Jr.)
LDT	91	Johnny Jones (6-5, 301, Sr.)
RDT	98	Delvin Johnson (6-3, 300, Jr.)
RDE	90	Michael Janac (6-5, 294, Sr.)
SLB	30	Mario Harvey (6-0, 250, Sr.)
MLB	35	Kellen Harris (6-3, 232, Jr.)
WLB	48	George Carpenter (5-10, 214, Jr.)
LCB	17	DeQuan Bembry (5-10, 178, Jr.)
RCB	6	Ahmed Shakoor (5-11, 203, Jr.)
FS	31	Omar Brown (5-11, 194, Jr.)
SS	22	Kevin Perry (5-10, 192, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	37	Tyler Warner (6-4, 215, Jr.)
P	41	Kase Whitehead (5-10, 183, Jr.)

Doc Holliday was a legendary figure in the Wild West days.

But in the present day, football coach Doc Holliday hopes to create a name for himself at Marshall and in the East Division of C-USA.

Holliday took over the Thundering Herd last December with hopes of molding the program into a consistent upper-echelon squad in the 12-school league.

He has a good nucleus, as the Herd return 14 starters from last year's Little Caesars Pizza Bowl team.

Quarterback Brian Anderson, who threw for 2,646 yards last year, comes back after guiding the Herd to their first bowl victory since 2002.

His offensive cast will not include running back Darius Marshall, who declared early for the NFL draft. But look for Martin Ward (Little Caesars Bowl MVP) to see a lot of time. Terrell Edwards-Maye and Andre Booker will push Ward for carries, as well.

Wide receiver Antavious Wilson had an all-freshman season in 2009, with 60 catches for 724 yards and will join playmaker Courtney Edmonson, who returns after being injured last year. Tight end Lee Smith has paid his dues, playing behind all-league player Cody Slate.

The defense is paced by first-team All-C-USA pick Mario Harvey. The linebacker—nicknamed "Thumper" for his hitting ability—had a team-high 117 tackles and seven sacks last season.

Kellen Harris will be another force at linebacker, while Devin Arrington, Tyson Gale and George Carpenter will fight for playing time.

Michael Janac and Vinny Curry anchor the defensive front, and the secondary includes experienced cornerbacks in DeQuan Bembry and Ahmed Shakoor.

5 UAB BLAZERS

There will be plenty of familiar faces in the UAB football program next season, as the Blazers return eight starters on offense and nine on defense. The coaching staff is one of only four in the FBS (N.C. State, Penn State and Virginia Tech are the others) to remain intact over the past four years.

But one key face is missing in graduated quarterback Joe Webb. The playmaker was Conference USA's Offensive Player of the Year last season after running through and passing over opponents. Replacing him will not be easy.

David Isabelle may be the heir apparent after a solid spring game that included 10 of 14 completions for 123 yards and two touchdowns. The sophomore also raced for 99 yards.

Since a starter has not been named, Isabelle will be challenged by Bryan Ellis, Joe Bento and Jonathan Perry. Whoever emerges will have an arsenal at his disposal.

Wide receiver Frantrell Forrest is the position's top returnee (34 catches, 558 yards, 9 TDs) and ranks in UAB's all-time top five in receptions (126), receiving yards (1,657) and receiving TDs (16).

Running backs Daniel Borne and Justin Brooks come back and will work behind an offensive line that has four players returning.

The defense returns 11 of its top 12 tacklers from 2009, anchored by safety Hiram Atwater, who had a team-high 89 stops last year.

Others to watch include defensive linemen Elliott Henigan and D.J. Reese, along with linebacker Lamanski Ware and cornerback Terrell Springs.

The Blazers have a challenging nonconference schedule that features road games at Tennessee and Mississippi State as well as a home contest against Troy.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	Florida Atlantic	56-29

A win against Florida Atlantic could give the Blazers the confidence they need to coast through the season and into their first bowl game since 2004.

S.11	@SMU	33-35
S.18	Troy	14-27
S.25	@TENNESSEE	
O.6	@UCF	27-34
O.16	UTEP	38-33
O.23	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O.30	@SOUTHERN MISS	30-17
N.6	Marshall	7-27
N.11	East Carolina	21-37
N.20	Memphis	31-21
N.27	@RICE	44-24

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 C-USA: 4-4

Coach: Neil Callaway, 4th year (11-25)
Career record: 11-25
Offensive coordinator: Kim Helton (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Eric Schumann (4th year)

Stadium: Legion Field (72,000)
Tickets: 205-975-UABI
Site: Birmingham, Ala.
Official athletic Web site: www.uabsports.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	17	David Isabelle (6-3, 185, So.)
RB	30	Justin Brooks (5-11, 215, Sr.)
LOT	71	Matt McCants (6-7, 295, Jr.)
LOG	72	Logan Creel (6-5, 290, Sr.)
C	73	Caleb Thomas (6-3, 290, Jr.)
ROG	78	Greg Bulls (6-4, 300, Sr.)
ROT	64	Greg Calhoun (6-3, 300, Jr.)
TE	86	Jeffery Anderson (6-3, 255, Sr.)
WR	85	Roddell Carter (6-3, 220, Sr.)
WR	7	Frantrell Forrest (6-2, 195, Sr.)
WR	12	Nick Adams (6-2, 195, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	51	Elliott Henigan (6-4, 275, Jr.)
LDT	91	Tim Davis (6-0, 275, Sr.)
RDT	50	David DeCordova (6-0, 275, Sr.)
RDE	52	Derek Slaughter (6-2, 245, Sr.)
SLB	33	Darrion Wilson (6-2, 225, Sr.)
MLB	34	Daniel White (6-2, 230, So.)
WLB	35	Lamanski Ware (6-2, 220, Jr.)
LCB	29	Terrell Springs (5-9, 175, Jr.)
RCB	3	Andre Hicks (5-9, 175, Jr.)
FS	32	Hiram Atwater (6-0, 200, Sr.)
SS	5	Jamie Bender (5-11, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	37	Trey Ragland (5-11, 175, Jr.)
P	37	Trey Ragland (5-11, 175, Jr.)

6 MEMPHIS TIGERS

New coach Larry Porter was welcomed back to his alma mater with open arms.

Shortly after the handshakes and hugs were over, it was time for Porter to roll up his sleeves and get to work.

Memphis finished with an ugly 2-10 record last season, which prompted the exit of longtime coach Tommy West and the entrance of Porter, who does not plan on taking a long time to rebuild.

First, he needs to find a quarterback. Sophomore Cannon Smith (a Miami, Fla., transfer) emerged as a frontrunner during spring drills, but will continue to be challenged by freshmen Ryan Williams and Will Gilchrist, junior college transfer Andy Summerlin and Tyler Bass, the only roster player to take a college snap.

Running backs Jerrell Rhodes, Gregory Ray and Wisconsin transfer Lance Smith (who had a broken leg in the spring) will try to help an offense that needs to replace Curtis Steele.

Marcus Rucker and Jermaine McKenzie hope to take over for prolific wide receivers Carlos Singleton and Duke Calhoun.

The entire offensive line returns and will be anchored by Dominik Riley and Ronald Leary.

Jay Hopson, a former Michigan assistant, will take charge of the defense, while ex-Alabama head coach Mike DuBose is the line coach.

Porter's mini rebuilding phase this spring focused on four "T's"—technique, toughness, tackling and turnovers.

Safety Marcus Ball will provide leadership needed on a unit that struggled mightily last season, while defensive lineman Dontari Poe and linebacker Jamon Hughes should both be heard from.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	

This season opener will mark the debut of coach Larry Porter and show the overhaul of the Memphis offense and defense. It will prove if the program's new look is working.

S.11	@EAST CAROLINA	19-38
S.18	Middle Tennessee State	14-31
S.25	@UTEP	35-20
O.2	Tulsa	30-33(OT)
O.9	@LOUISVILLE	
O.16	Southern Miss	16-36
O.30	Houston	14-55
N.6	Tennessee	28-56
N.13	@MARSHALL	16-27
N.20	@UAB	21-31
N.27	UCF	14-32

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 2-10 C-USA: 1-7

Coach: Larry Porter, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Eric Price (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Jay Hopson (1st year)

Stadium: Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium (62,380)
Tickets: 901-678-2331
Site: Memphis, Tenn.
Official athletic Web site: www.gotigersgo.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	16	Cannon Smith (6-0, 205, r-So.)
RB	5	Lance Smith (5-11, 205, Sr.)
LOT	75	Ronald Leary (6-4, 310, Jr.)
LOG	61	Michael Antonescu (6-4, 310, Jr.)
C	64	Dominik Riley (6-5, 310, Sr.)
ROG	65	Colton Jenkins (6-7, 320, Jr.)
ROT	66	Brad Paul (6-5, 290, Sr.)
TE	81	Deven Onarheim (6-8, 250, Sr.)
WR	1	Cam Baker (6-0, 155, Jr.)
WR	18	Marcus Rucker (6-4, 180, So.)
WR	9	Jermaine McKenzie (6-2, 185, r-Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	93	Dasmine Cathey (6-6, 215, Jr.)
NT	76	Charlie Bryant (6-8, 320, Sr.)
DT	74	Dontari Poe (6-5, 350, So.)
RDE	62	Frank Trotter (6-2, 265, Jr.)
SLB	28	Jeremy Longstreet (6-2, 210, Sr.)
MLB	50	Winston Bowens (6-1, 255, Sr.)
WLB	36	Jamon Hughes (6-0, 245, Sr.)
LCB	5	D.A. Griffin (5-11, 200, Sr.)
RCB	46	Bryan Wright (6-0, 195, Sr.)
FS	1	Marcus Ball (6-0, 210, Sr.)
SS	4	Darius Davis (6-1, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	98	Paulo Henriques (5-10, 215, So.)
P	48	Josh Booker (6-2, 210, Jr.)

HOUSTON COUGARS 1

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Texas State	
S.10	UTEP	41-58
S.18	@UCLA	
S.25	Tulane	44-16
O.9	Mississippi State	31-24
O.16	@RICE	73-14
GAME TO WATCH		
O.23	@ SMU	38-15

The Mustangs are no longer the surprise of Conference USA and will be prepared for Houston in a meeting that could determine the West Division champion.

O.30	@MEMPHIS	55-14
N.5	UCF	32-37
N.13	Tulsa	46-45
N.20	@SOUTHERN MISS	50-43
N.27	@TEXAS TECH	29-28

BOWL PROJECTION

LIBERTY BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- With all of his skill players back, the sky's the limit for QB Case Keenum.
- New coordinator Brian Stewart hopes to turn around the defense with a 3-4.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Case Keenum (6-2, 210, Sr.)
RB	25	Bryce Beall (5-11, 1209, Jr.)
LOT	74	Roy Watts (6-6, 315, Sr.)
LOG	76	Jacolby Ashworth (6-4, 290, So.)
C	73	Jordan Shoemaker (6-3, 280, Sr.)
ROG	70	Chris Thompson (6-2, 285, Jr.)
ROT	69	Ralph Oragwu (6-3, 295, r-Fr.)
WR	83	Patrick Edwards (5-9, 175, Jr.)
WR	35	Tyron Carrier (5-8, 163, Jr.)
WR	19	James Cleveland (6-2, 205, Sr.)
WR	84	Kierrie Johnson (5-10, 170, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	95	David Hunter (6-2, 290, Jr.)
NT	56	Tyrone Campbell (6-1, 287, So.)
RDE	90	Zeke Riser (6-4, 256, So.)
OLB	59	Kelvin King III (6-2, 256, So.)
ILB	55	Marcus McGraw (6-0, 210, Jr.)
ILB	38	George Bamfo (5-11, 210, Fr.)
OLB	42	Phillip Steward (6-2, 220, So.)
LCB	32	Jamal Robinson (5-11, 185, Jr.)
RCB	22	Loyce Means (5-11, 179, Sr.)
FS	41	Nick Saenz (6-1, 185, Jr.)
SS	28	Jeffery Lewis (5-9, 182, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	46	Matt Hogan (6-1, 196, So.)
P	16	Jordan Mannisto (6-1, 205, Jr.)

Sporting News All-American

CASE KEENUM, QB

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-4 C-USA: 6-2
(lost to Air Force in the Armed Forces Bowl, 47-20)

Coach: Kevin Sumlin, 3rd year (18-9)
Career record: 18-9
Offensive coordinators: Jason Phillips (3rd year), Kliff Kingsbury (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Brian Stewart (1st year)

Stadium: John O'Quinn Field at Robertson Stadium (32,500)
Tickets: 877-COUGAR-5
Site: Houston
Official athletic Web site: www.uhcougars.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

Conference USA's 2010 football landscape took shape during one afternoon last January when Houston quarterback Case Keenum decided not to chase NFL riches and announced he would return for his senior season.

"We have a chance to do something special this season," Keenum said at the time. "I want to win a conference championship, win another bowl game and take a shot at the BCS."

Keenum's return makes Houston a comfortable favorite to repeat as C-USA West Division champion. The record-setting quarterback joins eight other starters on a unit that topped college football in total offense (563.4 yards), passing offense (433.7) and scoring offense (42.2 points) in 2009.

Keenum, who finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting, threw for 5,671 yards and 44 touchdowns last season. All of his top skill players have returned and third-year coach Kevin Sumlin has challenged the gunslinger to do even better this fall.

"The pieces are in place for him to have another exceptional season," Sumlin says. "We gave him more flexibility last year as he became more comfortable in what we are doing. That was reflective by his numbers."

Abundant talent can be found on offense, as C-USA Newcomer of the Year James Cleveland (104 catches, 1,214 yards, 14 TDs) returns at wide receiver, as do juniors Tyron Carrier (91, 1,029, 7) and Patrick Edwards (85, 1,021, 6). It marked just the fourth time in history that three teammates recorded at least 1,000 receiving yards each in the same season.

Running backs Bryce Beall and Charles Sims are former C-USA Freshman-of-the-Year honorees. They'll be protected by three returning starters on the offensive line.

But Sumlin is quick to remind that there is much for the program to work on.

Houston ranked 111th in total defense last season, imploding down the stretch. The Cougars gave up at least 37 points in five of their final seven games.

Sumlin responded by hiring longtime defensive coach Brian Stewart, who has college and NFL experience. The new coordinator spent the spring installing a 3-4 scheme, which will stress speed and aggressiveness.

"We're just trying to put our best athletes on the field and play to our strength," Sumlin says.

Junior linebacker Marcus McGraw will be the key stopper, while Jamal Robinson and Nick Saenz will anchor the secondary.

Carrier will be a potent weapon on special teams after returning four kickoffs for touchdowns last season. Sophomore kicker Matt Hogan was 12-for-12 on field goal attempts a year ago.

THE NEXT BIG THING
MATANGI TONGA, NT

A junior college transfer from the College of San Mateo (Calif.), the former BYU player has the tools and size (6-2, 290 pounds) to clog the middle of the defensive line.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Terrance Broadway
QB, 6-1, 197
Broadway was the top quarterback in Louisiana last year. He has an accurate arm and great athleticism.

2
Matangi Tonga
DT, 6-2, 280
Tonga earned first-team Junior College All-America honors last year at College of San Mateo. He has one year of eligibility remaining.

3
Dominique Sanders
ATH, 6-1, 190
Sanders is a versatile athlete who chose Houston over the likes of Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Arkansas, Oklahoma State and Iowa.

4
Darian Lazard
ATH, 6-0, 170
Recruited as an athlete, Lazard posted more than 1,300 yards rushing and close to 2,300 yards passing as a prep senior QB.

5
Rodney Williams
DT, 6-1, 260
Williams is a bit of a sleeper. He was overshadowed on a talented Dallas Skyline High team, but he has fantastic feet for a lineman.

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2 TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

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Todd Graham is rarely at a loss for words, but reliving Tulsa's 2009 season seems difficult for the fourth-year coach.

"No one was more surprised than I was that we lost so many close games, that we were not in a bowl game or we were not in the conference championship game," Graham says. "The difference between winning and losing is very small. We catch an onside kick; we are in a bowl game. We catch an interception, then we have seven wins. But would have, could have or should have does not count."

Tulsa stayed home in the postseason for the first time since 2004 after a disappointing 5-7 season that included a six-game losing streak marred by late-game collapses. It was not a pleasant feeling for a program that had played in back-to-back Conference USA championships.

The Golden Hurricane led the nation in total offense in 2007 and 2008, but they took a big step back last fall. Injuries plagued the offensive line, which made life difficult for first-year starting quarterback G.J. Kinne.

Throw in the departure of offensive mastermind Gus Malzahn, and it was a rough year.

Graham did not waste time trying to fix the problem. He quickly hired Chad Morris to share coordinator duties with fourth-year assistant Herb Hand. A Texas high school coach and close friend of Malzahn who subscribes to the same hurry-up, no-huddle concept, Morris used the attack to win back-to-back state titles at Lake Travis High School in Austin.

The spring was used to reset the offense. Kinne drew comfort in the system and Morris was excited about having playmakers such as halfback Charles Clay and wide receivers Damaris Johnson, Trae Johnson and A.J. Whitmore.

The key for offensive success will be the line. Tulsa started eight different lineups in a dozen games last fall after injuries decimated the unit. Forced experience last season may help a line anchored by junior tackle Tyler Holmes, a freshman All-American who saw limited work last year.

Damaris Johnson is worth the price of admission. The receiver/kick return specialist was ranked in the top five nationally in his first two seasons and led the country with an average of 224.4 all-purpose yards per game in 2009.

The Hurricane defense improved last fall but need to continue to make strides. Three of the top four tacklers will return this season in junior safety DeAundre Brown (102 tackles), safety Dexter McCoil (85) and senior linebacker Tanner Antle (78), who is the heart and soul of the defense. Tulsa also will benefit from the return of cornerback Charles Davis, who missed last season with a torn ACL. Sophomore defensive end Cory Dorris is expected to contribute, as well.

CHARLES CLAY, RB

THE NEXT BIG THING
CORY DORRIS, DE

The sophomore from nearby Jenks had a solid first season that included 54 tackles, including 5.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 C-USA: 3-5

Coach: Todd Graham, 4th year (26-14)
Career record: 33-20
Offensive coordinators: Herb Hand (4th year), Chad Morris (1st year)
Defensive coordinators: Keith Patterson (5th year), Paul Randolph (4th year)

Stadium: Skelly Field at H.A. Chapman Stadium (35,542)
Tickets: 918-613-GOTU
Site: Tulsa, Okla.
Official athletic Web site: www.tulsahurricane.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.5	@EAST CAROLINA	17-44
S.11	Bowling Green	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**@ OKLAHOMA STATE**	

The longtime rivals are finally back in Stillwater and hoping for bragging rights. Tulsa has not beaten Oklahoma State at home since 1998.

S.25	Central Arkansas	
O.2	@MEMPHIS	33-30 (OT)
O.9	@SMU	13-27
O.16	Tulane	37-13
O.30	@NOTRE DAME	
N.6	Rice	27-10
N.13	@HOUSTON	45-46
N.20	UTEP	24-28
N.27	Southern Miss	34-44

BOWL PROJECTION

ARMED FORCES BOWL

BULLET POINTS

→ Can a talented team regain its confidence after a season of so many blown leads and close losses?

→ Gus Malzahn disciple Chad Morris looks to get Tulsa's groove back on offense.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	4	G.J. Kinne (6-2, 219, Jr.)
RB	9	Charles Clay (6-3, 234, Sr.)
LOT	78	Tyler Holmes (6-4, 307, Jr.)
LOG	72	Clint Anderson (6-2, 278, Jr.)
C	57	Jacob Rader (5-11, 291, So.)
ROG	60	Nick Gates (6-2, 270, Sr.)
ROT	75	Brandon Thomas (6-5, 292, Jr.)
TE	82	Clay Sears (6-4, 237, Sr.)
WR	2	A.J. Whitmore (5-9, 176, Jr.)
FL	3	Damaris Johnson (5-8, 170, Jr.)
SE	1	Trae Johnson (5-11, 180, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	93	Cory Dorris (6-4, 255, So.)
NT	99	Gabe McGee (6-1, 305, So.)
RDE	90	Odrick Ray (6-3, 270, Sr.)
SLB	11	Alan Dock (5-10, 204, So.)
MLB	32	Cornelius Arnick (6-1, 230, So.)
WLB	40	Tanner Antle (6-4, 225, Sr.)
BAN	5	DeAundre Brown (5-11, 210, Jr.)
LCB	24	Charles Davis (5-9, 180, Sr.)
RCB	21	John Flanders (5-10, 170, Jr.)
FS	26	Dexter McCoil (6-4, 175, So.)
SPUR	7	Trent Wilkins (5-11, 198, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	47	Kevin Fitzpatrick (6-2, 188, Jr.)
P	35	Michael Such (6-2, 209, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Ja'Terian Douglas
RB, 5-11, 180
As a senior, Douglas rushed for more than 1,800 yards at Arlington (Texas) Lamar after eclipsing the 2,000-yard mark as a junior.

2
Milton Howell
ATH, 6-2, 190
Howell played quarterback at Navarro College in the Texas junior college ranks, but he could play offense or defense for the Golden Hurricane.

3
Derrick Hall
ATH, 5-10, 210
A highly recruited prospect coming out of high school, the speedy Hall comes to Tulsa following two years in junior college.

4
Relus Chance
DE, 6-5, 215
Chance was the second player to commit to Tulsa's 2010 class. At 6-5, he was also a high school basketball and track standout.

5
Jake Alexander
OL, 6-2, 270
Alexander chose Tulsa over LSU, Michigan State, Texas A&M and more. He was rated as one of the top centers in the nation.

COURTESY WALT BEAZLEY

SMU MUSTANGS 3

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.5	@TEXAS TECH	
S.11	UAB	35-33
S.18	Washington State	27-30 (OT)
S.24	TCU	14-39
O.2	@RICE	31-28
O.9	Tulsa	27-13
O.16	@NAVY	35-38 (OT)
GAME TO WATCH		
O.23	Houston	15-38

The Mustangs will try to snap a four-year losing streak to the Cougars in a game that could have West Division title implications.

O.30	@TULANE	26-21
N.6	@UTEP	35-31
N.20	Marshall	31-34
N.26	@EAST CAROLINA	28-21

BOWL PROJECTION

DALLAS FOOTBALL CLASSIC

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 C-USA: 6-2
(beat Nevada in the Hawaii Bowl, 45-10)

Coach: June Jones, 3rd year (9-16)
Career record: 85-57
Offensive coordinator: Dan Morrison (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Tom Mason (3rd year)

Stadium: Gerald J. Ford Stadium (32,000)
Tickets: 214-SMU-GAME
Site: Dallas
Official athletic Web site: www.smumustangs.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	2	Kyle Padron (6-4, 210, So.)
RB	48	Zach Line (6-1, 235, So.)
LOT	70	Kelvin Beachum (6-3, 298, Jr.)
LOG	71	Kelly Turner (6-1, 308, Jr.)
C	64	Bryce Tennison (6-3, 285, Jr.)
ROG	77	Josh LeRibeus (6-2, 363, Jr.)
ROT	79	J.T. Brooks (6-5, 303, Jr.)
WR	11	Cole Beasley (5-9, 180, Jr.)
WR	24	Aldrick Robinson (5-10, 178, Sr.)
WR	18	Terrance Wilkerson (5-10, 183, Jr.)
WR	3	Darius Johnson (5-10, 178, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	47	Taylor Thompson (6-6, 276, Jr.)
NT	99	Marquis Frazier (6-3, 298, Jr.)
RDE	90	Kevin Grenier (6-4, 259, Jr.)
OLB	45	Youri Yenga (6-1, 231, Sr.)
ILB	56	Ja'Gared Davis (6-1, 216, So.)
ILB	44	Taylor Reed (5-11, 215, So.)
OLB	52	Pete Fleps (6-1, 230, Sr.)
LCB	34	Robert Mojica (5-9, 179, So.)
RCB	31	Bennie Thomas (5-8, 180, Sr.)
FS	2	Sterling Moore (5-10, 204, Sr.)
SS	23	Chris Banjo (5-10, 200, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	6	Matt Szymanski (6-1, 196, Sr.)
P	6	Matt Szymanski (6-1, 196, Sr.)

June Jones brought jubilation to SMU last season after guiding the Mustangs to a bowl game for the first time since 1984, right before the school was hit with the "death penalty."

"You want to teach the kids how to win consistently," Jones told the *Dallas Morning News*. "One year at 8-5 is not where we want to be. We want to be conference champions. We have got to take another step in doing that. As you keep inching that along and keep getting more players coming in, your vision becomes bigger."

The first step in future improvement has been settled. Sophomore quarterback Kyle Padron is guiding the team's run-and-shoot attack. He directed the Mustangs to a 5-1 mark in the final six games in 2009, including an MVP performance at the Hawaii Bowl.

Padron will have to find another favorite target following the graduation of Emmanuel Sanders, the school's all-time leading wide receiver.

Returning receivers Cole Beasley, Terrance Wilkerson and Aldrick Robinson logged at least 40 receptions each last season and will try to become go-to players.

The running back search will begin following Shawnbrey McNeal's early departure toward an NFL dream.

Zach Line, last year's backup, missed spring practice and will compete with signees Darryl Fields and Kevin Pope this fall.

The defense improved in 2009, and Jones is looking for continued progress. The key will be replacing leading tackler Chase Kennemer. But linebackers Youri Yenga, Pete Fleps and Ja'Gared Davis all return in the 3-4 attack.

UTEP MINERS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
S.10	@HOUSTON	58-41
S.18	New Mexico State	38-12
S.25	Memphis	20-35
O.2	@NEW MEXICO	
O.9	Rice	29-30
O.16	@UAB	33-38
O.23	Tulane	38-45 (OT)
O.30	@MARSHALL	52-21
GAME TO WATCH		
N.6	SMU+	31-35

The Miners finish the season with four tough games, three of which are road trips. A home win over SMU could be the difference between a bowl berth and staying home for the fifth year in a row.

N.13	@ARKANSAS	
N.20	@TULSA	28-24

BOWL PROJECTION

HAWAII BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 C-USA: 3-5

Coach: Mike Price, 7th year (34-38)
Career record: 163-160
Offensive coordinators: Bob Connelly (3rd year), Aaron Price (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Andre Patterson (1st year)

Stadium: Sun Bowl (40,000)
Tickets: 915-747-6150
Site: El Paso, Texas
Official athletic Web site: www.utepathletics.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Trevor Vittatoe (6-2, 220, Sr.)
RB	3	Donald Buckram (5-10, 195, Sr.)
LOT	54	Will Osolinsky (6-8, 280, Sr.)
LOG	65	Anthony McNac (6-4, 325, Sr.)
C	79	Tanner Cullumber (6-4, 300, Sr.)
ROG	74	Rod Huntley (6-3, 320, Sr.)
ROT	70	Alex Solot (6-8, 310, Sr.)
TE	36	Jonny Moore (6-5, 250, Sr.)
WR	2	Kris Adams (6-3, 195, Sr.)
WR	19	Evan Davis (6-1, 200, Sr.)
WR	84	Donavon Kemp (6-1, 195, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	46	Bernard Obi (6-2, 240, Jr.)
LDT	91	Isaac Tauaefa (6-1, 275, So.)
RDT	97	Justin Cordova (6-2, 265, So.)
RDE	13	Robert Soleyjacks (6-2, 260, Sr.)
SLB	52	Royzell Smith (6-1, 220, Jr.)
MLB	8	Jeremy Springer (6-3, 225, Jr.)
WLB	11	Anthony Morrow (6-0, 225, Sr.)
LCB	2	DeShawn Grayson (6-0, 200, So.)
RCB	25	Brandon Miller (6-2, 200, Sr.)
FS	1	Braxton Amy (6-0, 205, Sr.)
SS	9	Antwon Blake (5-10, 185, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	49	Kevin Lopez (5-11, 190, Jr.)
P	47	Ryan Lasky (6-2, 195, Fr.)

Mike Price may be feeling a little heat in the west Texas desert these days.

The seventh-year UTEP coach has not had a winning season since 2005, which was capped by the program's last visit to a bowl game.

A veteran offense—highlighted by running back Donald Buckram and quarterback Trevor Vittatoe—will try to push UTEP back into the postseason.

Vittatoe is expected to remain atop the depth chart despite having shoulder surgery and also being suspended for the first portion of spring football for breaking team rules. He has thrown for 9,683 yards and is on track to break former QB Jordan Palmer's all-time passing marks at UTEP.

Buckram could be Conference USA's dominant running back. He raced for 1,594 yards and 18 touchdowns last season, and his average of 132.8 yards per game is the second-highest total among returning players next season.

"I think he will be even better this year," Price says. "He's bigger … by the time the season starts, he'll be more of a physical running back."

The Miners were 18th nationally in total offense a year ago, but a porous defense led to a 4-8 season.

UTEP was 110th in total defense and could not stop the run. To curb the poor performances, Price hired a new defensive coordinator in Andre Patterson, who will toss the Miners' 3-3-5 defensive scheme for a more traditional 4-3 look.

Seniors Braxton Amy (safety) and Robert Soleyjacks (defensive end) and junior linebacker Royzell Smith will anchor the defense.

5 RICE OWLS

What a difference a year can make.

Coach David Bailiff hoisted the 2008 Texas Bowl trophy after Rice captured its first postseason victory in 55 seasons. Last year, the Owls lost their opening nine games en route to an ugly 2-10 record.

Entering 2010, the Owls will focus on improving the defense and answering questions on offense.

Rice had 14 starters who were underclassmen, which tied Louisiana Tech for the youngest in the country last year.

A starting quarterback will be chosen between transfers Taylor Cook (Miami), Nick Fanuzzi (Alabama) and redshirt freshman Taylor McHargue. All three spent the spring grasping new offensive coordinator David Beaty's system.

High hopes have been placed on another transfer. Former Michigan running back Sam McGuffie leads a position group that includes Charles Ross and Tyler Smith.

The Owls ranked 104th nationally running the football last season, but the offensive line did gain valuable experience. All five linemen, headed by offensive tackle Scott Mitchell, will be back this fall.

The defense also needs an overhaul after holding no opponent to less than 20 points last season.

Seven different teams put up at least 40 points against an Owls unit that allowed an average of 43.1 points a game. That statistic ranked last in college football.

Safety Travis Bradshaw is the defensive anchor. The junior averaged 10.1 tackles a game last year, which was good enough for fourth in C-USA.

Defensive end Scott Solomon can also cause havoc for opposing offensive linemen.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Texas*	

GAME TO WATCH

S.11 @NORTH TEXAS

This could be the Owls' only opportunity for a victory in a month that also includes games against Texas, Northwestern and Baylor.

S.18	Northwestern	
S.25	Baylor	
O.2	SMU	28-31
O.9	@UTEP	30-29
O.16	Houston	14-73
O.23	@UCF	7-49
N.6	@TULSA	10-27
N.13	@TULANE	28-20
N.20	East Carolina	13-49
N.27	UAB	24-44

*At Houston

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 2-10 CUSA: 2-6

Coach: David Bailiff, 4th year (15-22)
Career record: 15-22
Offensive coordinator: David Beaty (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Chuck Driesbach (4th year)

Stadium: Rice Stadium (70,000)
Tickets: 713-522-OWLS
Site: Houston
Official athletic Web site: www.riceowls.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Nick Fanuzzi (6-3, 220, Jr.)
RB	37	Tyler Smith (5-8, 195, Jr.)
LOT	56	Scott Mitchell (6-4, 290, Sr.)
LOG	66	Jake Hicks (6-3, 290, Jr.)
C	52	Keshawn Carrington (6-3, 255, Jr.)
ROG	71	Davon Allen (6-2, 325, Jr.)
ROT	64	Tyler Parish (6-4, 280, Jr.)
WR	6	Patrick Randolph (5-11, 170, Sr.)
WR	22	Taylor Dupree (6-1, 205, Sr.)
WR	11	Pierre Beasley (6-3, 215, Sr.)
WR	88	Vance McDonald (6-5, 250, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	95	Cheta Ozougwu (6-2, 260, Sr.)
NT	73	Alex Lowry (6-1, 295, So.)
DT	99	Michael Smith (6-1, 285, Jr.)
RDE	13	Scott Solomon (6-3, 265, Sr.)
SLB	49	Trey Briggs (6-1, 220, So.)
WLB	5	Justin Hill (5-11, 220, Sr.)
FCB	1	Jarrett Ben (5-10, 170, Jr.)
BCB	38	Chris Jammer (6-1, 190, Jr.)
ROV	35	Travis Bradshaw (6-1, 200, Jr.)
FS	14	Xavier Webb (5-11, 210, Jr.)
SS	44	Chris Jones (6-1, 200, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	94	Brandon Yelovich (6-1, 185, Jr.)
P	41	Kyle Martens (6-6, 200, Jr.)

6 TULANE GREEN WAVE

Tulane may be entering the "spread offense" generation that has recently overtaken Conference USA football.

Then again, maybe not.

Offensive coordinator Dan Dodd told the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* that the Green Wave's new style "is the same stuff that coach (Bob) Toledo has been running forever. We have kind of de-emphasized the two-back and gotten more into three wides. That is the only difference."

While shy to call it a "spread" attack, the Green Wave needed to change to keep up with the high-octane offenses that dominate the C-USA's West Division. Tulane ranked 115th nationally in scoring offense last year, averaging just 16.1 points per game.

Quarterback Ryan Griffin is expected to trigger the attack, but he could be pressed by backup Kevin Moore during fall camp.

Running back Albert Williams made a name for himself during spring drills and could emerge as a replacement for Andre' Anderson.

The Green Wave lost wide receiver Jeremy Williams, which could force Casey Robottom to become the featured wideout in the offensive attack.

The defense struggled last season, allowing nearly 423 yards per game. Tulane is hopeful that defensive backs such as Phillip Davis and Shakiel Smith will have used 2009 as a learning experience and establish themselves as team leaders.

The linebacker spot will be one to watch, as the Green Wave signed six players who hope to help immediately.

Ross Thevenot was a potent weapon as a punter and kicker last year. Following his graduation, the Green Wave will search for a replacement.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Southeastern Louisiana	

GAME TO WATCH

S.11 Ole Miss

The schools resume a series after taking a nine-year break. This is an important home game for Tulane, which could use it as a gauge for the remainder of the season.

S.25	@HOUSTON	16-44
O.2	@RUTGERS	
O.9	Army	17-16
O.16	@TULSA	13-37
O.23	@UTEP	45-38(OT)
O.30	SMU	21-26
N.6	Southern Miss	6-43
N.13	Rice	20-28
N.20	UCF	0-49
N.27	@MARSHALL	10-31

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-9 C-USA: 1-7

Coach: Bob Toledo, 4th year (9-27)
Career record: 58-59 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator: Dan Dodd (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Steve Stanard (2nd year)

Stadium: Louisiana Superdome (69,703)
Tickets: 504-861-WAVE
Site: New Orleans
Official athletic Web site: www.tulanegreenwave.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	11	Ryan Griffin (6-5, 215, So.)
FB	44	Kasey Stelly (6-1, 244, Jr.)
RB	25	Albert Williams (5-9, 187, Jr.)
LOT	58	Pete Hendrickson (6-8, 302, r-Sr.)
LOG	71	Harris Howard (6-4, 300, So.)
C	68	Andrew Nierman (6-1, 296, Sr.)
ROG	65	Zach Morgan (6-2, 295, So.)
ROT	79	Eric Jones (6-6, 302, r-So.)
TE	80	Cody Sparks (6-4, 239, Sr.)
WR	19	Casey Robottom (5-11, 177, Sr.)
WR	5	D.J. Banks (5-9, 175, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	51	Dezman Moses (6-2, 249, r-Jr.)
LDT	95	Justin Adams (5-11, 273, Sr.)
RDT	99	Chris Asumnu (6-2, 291, Jr.)
RDE	50	Austen Jacks (6-3, 220, So.)
LB	20	Trent Mackey (5-11, 220, r-So.)
LB	34	Darryl Farley (5-11, 228, So.)
CB	10	Ryan Travis (5-11, 160, So.)
CB	17	Alex Lauricella (5-10, 179, r-So.)
CB	13	Phillip Davis (5-10, 173, Sr.)
FS	4	Shakiel Smith (6-0, 186, So.)
SS	8	Alex Wacha (6-0, 186, r-Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	14	Ryan Rome (5-9, 166, So.)
P	14	Ryan Rome (5-9, 166, So.)

ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST

OFFENSE

- **QB** Andy Dalton, Sr., TCU
- **RB** Jared Tew, Sr., Air Force
- **RB** Eddie Wide, Sr., Utah
- **OL** Marcus Cannon, Sr., TCU
- **OL** Matt Reynolds, Jr., BYU
- **OL** Caleb Schlauderaff, Sr., Utah
- **OL** Jake Kirkpatrick, Sr., TCU
- **OL** Zane Taylor, Sr., Utah
- **TE** Evan Frosch, Sr., TCU
- **WR** Vincent Brown, Sr., San Diego State
- **WR** David Leonard, Sr., Wyoming

DEFENSE

- **DL** Cory Grant, Sr., TCU
- **DL** Sealver Siliga, Jr., Utah
- **DL** Wayne Daniels, Sr., TCU
- **DL** Mychal Sisson, Jr., Colorado State
- **LB** Carmen Messina, Jr., New Mexico
- **LB** Brian Hendricks, Jr., Wyoming
- **LB** Tank Carder, Jr., TCU
- **DB** Reggie Rembert, Sr., Air Force
- **DB** Chris Prosinski, Sr., Wyoming
- **DB** Andrew Rich, Sr., BYU
- **DB** Anthony Wright, Jr., Air Force

SPECIALISTS

- **K** Ross Evans, Jr., TCU
- **P** Brian Stahovich, Jr., San Diego State

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1 Air Force will be more dangerous offensively now that junior quarterback Tim Jefferson is able to focus 100 percent on football. Last year, he had to deal with academic issues, which may have hampered his performance.

2 Wyoming should return to a bowl game now that coach Dave Christensen has a quarterback he can rely on in sophomore Austyn Carta-Samuels, the Mountain West's Freshman of the Year in 2009. Carta-Samuels guided the Cowboys to four come-from-behind wins last season.

3 New Mexico will continue to struggle as second-year coach Mike Locksley deals with a young team that couldn't run the ball or stop the run a year ago.

4 BYU's run of five consecutive Las Vegas Bowl appearances will come to an end as the Cougars will have to settle for a trip to San Diego and the Poinsettia Bowl. Look for either TCU or Utah to get the Vegas invite in December.

MWC will be hard-pressed to produce an encore to special 2009 campaign

By Steve Carp, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

When it came to football and his league, the only thing that could have brought a bigger smile to the face of Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson last January would have been a win in the Fiesta Bowl by TCU.

Otherwise, 2009 was the best season the league has enjoyed since it was formed in 1999. In addition to TCU's run to the Bowl Championship Series, the Mountain West placed four other teams in bowl games, with all coming away victorious.

BYU won the Las Vegas Bowl, Utah captured the Poinsettia Bowl, Air Force was victorious in the Armed Forces Bowl and Wyoming won the New Mexico Bowl. What commissioner wouldn't be happy with a 4-1 postseason?

Now, the challenge for the league is twofold. First, can it consistently keep putting a team in the BCS? Utah and TCU have now given the MWC back-to-back appearances. And, second, can the league's bottom tier (Colorado State, New Mexico and UNLV) make enough progress to boost the overall power rating for the Mountain West?

Addressing the initial question, it's going to be up to TCU, Utah and BYU to make it happen. The Horned Frogs and Cougars lost key personnel after the 2009 season. But if TCU can fill the gap created by the loss of defensive lineman Jerry Hughes and BYU can replace quarterback Max Hall and running back Harvey Unga, perhaps either can make a run at the BCS.

For Utah, which returns 14 starters (8 on offense), it may come down to the season opener, when the Utes play host to Pittsburgh. A loss to the Panthers, and Utah's BCS dreams will die right there at Rice-Eccles Stadium. But with a win, some momentum would be established until the next critical nonconference game, Oct. 9 at Iowa State. And if the Utes get past the Cyclones unscathed, the final test would come Nov. 13 at Notre Dame.

The second part of the equation may depend on how quickly new coach Bobby Hauck can get UNLV over the hump after Mike Sanford failed to post a winning record in five seasons. Hauck had great success at FCS Montana, but this is a big step up.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Jeremy Crabtree, *Rivals.com*

1. UTAH The Utes landed the best recruiting class by a program outside the Big Six conferences. Four-star offensive lineman John Cullen and four-star linebacker V.J. Fehoko lead the way.

2. BYU The Cougars scored perhaps the most college-ready quarterback in the 2010 class in Jake Heaps.

3. TCU The Horned Frogs scored one of its best classes ever with two four-star recruits and 16 three-star prospects.

4. COLORADO STATE The Rams did a tremendous job late by snagging four-star QB Pete Thomas away from Arizona State and three-star back Tony Drake from Michigan.

5. SAN DIEGO STATE The Aztecs took a nice step forward with the additions of defensive end Perry Jackson and offensive lineman Juan Bolanos.

6. NEW MEXICO The Lobos managed to turn heads on signing day when they scored a pledge from four-star DT Calvin Smith from Florida.

7. UNLV The new coaching staff did a lot of damage late, scoring quality commitments from players such as Dionza Bradford, Kurt Davis and Taylor Barnhill.

8. WYOMING Running back Nehemie Kankolongo could be one of the biggest gets for any program in the MWC.

9. AIR FORCE The Falcons recruit better than any other military academy.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

MOUNTAIN WEST

STOCK REPORT ↑ UP ↓ DOWN ↔ STEADY

1. ↑ TCU
2. ↑ Utah
3. ↑ Air Force
4. ↓ BYU
5. ↓ Colorado State
6. ↑ Wyoming
7. ↓ New Mexico
8. ↑ San Diego State
9. ↓ UNLV

RATING THE PLAYERS

Fastest Receiver
Vincent Brown, San Diego State

Best Hands
David Leonard, OL, Wyoming

Best Passing QB
Ryan Lindley, San Diego State

Best Running QB
Tim Jefferson, Air Force

Most Elusive RB
Eddie Wide, Utah

Best Instincts
Anthony Wright, DB, Air Force

Best Athlete
Jeremy Kerley, WR, TCU

Best Under Pressure
Andy Dalton, QB, TCU

Top NFL Prospect
Zane Taylor, C, Utah

Top Impact Freshman
Jake Heaps, QB, BYU

Hardest Hitter
Carmen Messina, LB, New Mexico

Biggest Underachiever
Pete Kontodiakos, P, Colorado State

Best Interview
Troy Calhoun, Air Force

Best Coach
Bronco Mendenhall, BYU

Best Recruiter
Gary Patterson, TCU

Worst Road Trip
Wyoming

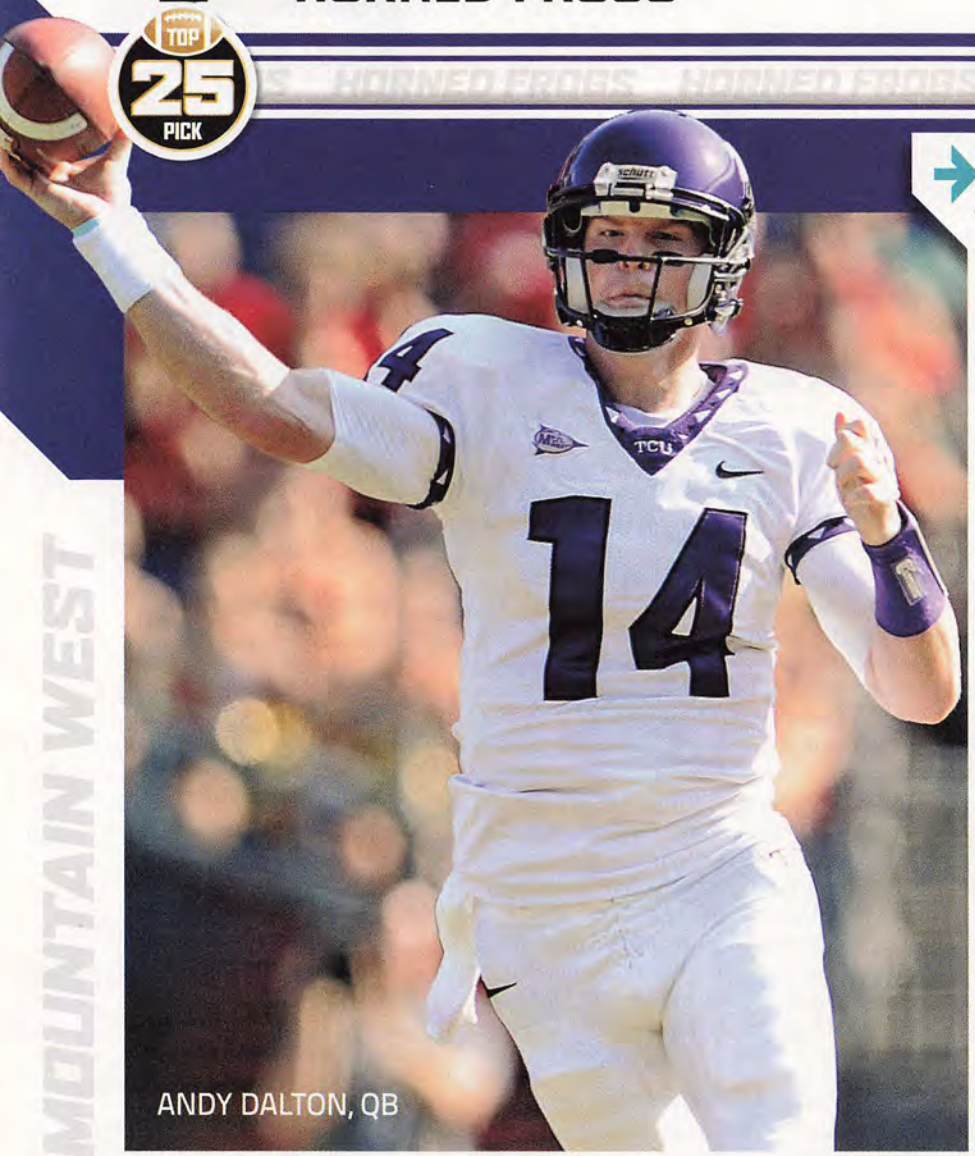
ASCENDING

WYOMING The Cowboys showed renewed toughness and resiliency during coach Dave Christensen's first season. Now, with a more experienced and deeper team, Wyoming should be competitive from start to finish.

DESCENDING

BYU Not only did the Cougars lose their star quarterback (Max Hall) and tight end (Dennis Pitta), BYU was dealt a major blow when star running back Harvey Unga withdrew from school because of an honor code violation.

1 TCU HORNED FROGS



ANDY DALTON, QB

BULLET POINTS

- Over the last five seasons, TCU is 45-1 when ahead or even in turnover margin.
- Jeremy Kerley returned two punts for touchdowns last year, including a 71-yarder against SMU.
- TCU has had the first-team all-conference return specialist in each of the five years it has been in the Mountain West.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Oregon State*	
S.11	Tennessee Tech	
S.18	Baylor	
S.24	@SMU	39-14
O.2	@COLORADO STATE	44-6
O.9	Wyoming	45-10
O.16	BYU	38-7
O.23	Air Force	20-17
O.30	@UNLV	41-0

GAME TO WATCH

N.6 @ Utah

This could be the biggest hurdle for the Horned Frogs to get back to a BCS bowl. The Utes are tough at home, and their ability to run the ball and control the clock could limit QB Andy Dalton's time on the field.

N.13	San Diego State	55-12
N.27	@NEW MEXICO	51-10

*at Arlington, Texas

BOWL PROJECTION

LAS VEGAS BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
JEREMY KERLEY, WR

Kerley, a senior, can beat you several ways, including as a receiver and in the return game. He is quick, elusive and has a knack for turning ordinary plays into big gainers.

The greatest season in TCU history ended on a bit of a downer with a 17-10 loss to Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl. But nobody's throwing the big fish that was the Horned Frogs' 12-1 season back into the lake.

In fact, coach Gary Patterson is brimming with confidence as his team tries to return to a Bowl Championship Series game. He's got a big-time quarterback, some stars up front to block and open holes for a very good running game. On defense, he has linebackers who can cover the field and a secondary that can make big plays. Oh, and TCU's kicking game is as good as any in the Mountain West.

The fact that Patterson didn't leave Fort Worth after last season indicates how he feels about TCU's immediate future. With 54 lettermen and 17 starters returning, the Horned Frogs aren't going away anytime soon.

Andy Dalton has developed into a reliable, talented quarterback who understands Patterson's multiple offense. Dalton, the Mountain West's Offensive Player of the Year last season, ranked second in the league and eighth in the nation in pass efficiency (151.8) and his 212-yard passing average was third in the MWC. He also cut down on his mistakes, throwing just eight interceptions last year compared to 23 touchdowns while passing for 2,756 yards, a career best.

And Dalton has a plethora of targets to hook up with. Seniors Jeremy Kerley and Jimmy Young and junior Antoine Hicks are as good a trio as there is in the league. Kerley had 44 receptions last year to lead TCU, while Young had 33 grabs. Hicks was the team's home run threat, scoring 10 times overall, including 75-yard TD grabs in back-to-back games against BYU and UNLV.

COURTESY TCU ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

And for teams that think they can blitz Dalton and force him into mistakes, TCU counters with a young and talented group of running backs. Matthew Tucker was *Sporting News'* MWC Freshman of the Year in 2009, as he scored eight TDs and averaged 6.4 yards per carry. Sophomore Ed Wesley had 137 yards against Utah last year and can also catch the ball out of the backfield. Three of his seven touchdowns came via the air.

The offensive line will have a lot to do with whether TCU can return to the BCS. Four starters are back, including first-team all-conference picks in center Jake Kirkpatrick and tackle Marcus Cannon. Kirkpatrick was a Remington Trophy finalist last year as a junior, while Cannon (6-5, 350 pounds) did not allow a sack in 2009.

That duo will be joined up front by guards Kyle Dooley and Josh Vernon. The key will be how well Zach Roth performs at left tackle in replacing Marshall Newhouse. At tight end, Evan Frosch was an honorable mention all-conference performer as a junior last season. He's one more target for Dalton to make use of.

But while TCU's offense is capable of carrying its share of the load, it's the defense that allows the Horned Frogs to be among the nation's elite. That unit led the nation in total defense last season, allowing only 239.7 yards a game. In addition, the team's 12.4 first downs allowed per game were the fewest in the country. And the Frogs' scoring defense (12.8 points per game) was sixth best in the nation.

Can the Horned Frogs repeat those gaudy numbers? It won't be easy now that Jerry Hughes, the team's All-America defensive end, is headed to the NFL.

Fortunately for Patterson, his ability to recruit depth over the past few years will help soften the loss of his star. Wayne Daniels had 5.5 sacks last year and Braylon Broughton was coming on toward the end of last season. The junior could be someone to keep an eye on in 2010.

Joining Daniels and Broughton up front will be Cory Grant, a second-team all-conference defensive tackle, and nose tackle Kelly Griffin.

Patterson's team plays a 4-2-5 defense, and Tank Carder allows TCU to get away with playing just two linebackers. The 6-2 junior covers a lot of ground in the middle and had 89 tackles and 10 pass breakups last season. Opposing offenses always have to account for his whereabouts on the field.

Tanner Brock, a sophomore who is also a key member of TCU's special teams, joins Carder as the other linebacker.

The secondary has three solid safeties returning, led by free safety Tejay Johnson, who had three interceptions in 2009. Junior corner Greg McCoy and senior Jason Teague both added two picks, as opponents are again going to have a tough time throwing against TCU.

The kicking game has experience with placekicker Ross Evans and punter Anson Kelton back for their third season as starters.

RECRUITING REPORT

You have to love what TCU did in grabbing dynamic prospects **Ethan Grant** (RB) and **Curtis Carter** (ATH). They each have speed and are playmakers. **Sam Carter** and **Matt Brown** are two three-star quarterbacks headed to TCU who fit the mold of what Gary Patterson wants in his leaders. Wide receiver **Chris Hawkins** is one to watch, too. **Stephen Bryant, Travaras Battle-Smith, Matt Anderson, Jonathan Anderson, David Johnson, Marcus Mallett, Blake Roberts, Elisha Olabode** and **Michael Thompson** are all very good prospects who will help this program.

—Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 12-1 MTN. WEST: 8-0
(lost to Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl, 17-10)

Coach: Gary Patterson, 10th year (85-28)
Career record: 85-28
Offensive coordinators:
Jarrett Anderson (2nd year), Justin Fuente (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator:
Dick Bumpas (7th year)

Stadium: Amon G. Carter Stadium (44,008)
Tickets: 817-257-FROG
Site: Fort Worth
Official athletic Web site:
www.gofrogs.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Andy Dalton	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	13	151.83	323-199-8	61.6	2756	23	212.0

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Matthew Tucker	13	105	676	6.4	8	52.0

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jeremy Kerley	13	44	532	12.1	2	40.9

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Tank Carder	13	51	38	89

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Wayne Daniels	13	5.5	33

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Tejay Johnson	3	22	7.3	0

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OFFENSE

QB	14	Andy Dalton (6-3, 215, Sr.)
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	29	Matthew Tucker (6-1, 210, So.)
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	56	James Dunbar (6-6, 305, Fr.)
LOG	72	Kyle Dooley (6-3, 315, Jr.)
	66	Blaize Foltz (6-4, 310, So.)
C	76	Jake Kirkpatrick (6-3, 305, Sr.)
	64	James Fry (6-3, 285, So.)
ROG	78	Josh Vernon (6-2, 295, Sr.)
	74	Ty Horn (6-5, 295, Fr.)
ROT	61	Marcus Cannon (6-5, 350, Sr.)
	75	John Wooldridge (6-5, 285, Fr.)
TE	84	Evan Frosch (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	80	Logan Brock (6-3, 253, Jr.)
WR	2	Curtis Clay (6-1, 185, Sr.)
	6	Bart Johnson (6-0, 195, Sr.)
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	90	Stansly Maponga (6-2, 240, Fr.)
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	95	Clarence Leatch (6-4, 245, Sr.)
MLB	43	Tank Carder (6-2, 232, Jr.)
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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	TCU	OPP
SCORING	498	166
Points Per Game	38.3	12.8
FIRST DOWNS	311	161
Rushing	164	53
Passing	127	88
Penalty	20	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	3114	1043
Yards gained rushing	3279	1407
Yards lost rushing	165	364
Rushing Attempts	595	402
Average Per Rush	5.2	2.6
Average Per Game	239.5	80.2
TDs Rushing	35	8
PASSING YARDAGE	2823	2073
Att-Comp-Int	202-326-8	189-399-14
Average Per Pass	8.7	5.2
Average Per Catch	14.0	11.0
Average Per Game	217.2	159.5
TDs Passing	24	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	5937	3116
Total Plays	921	801
Average Per Play	6.4	3.9
Average Per Game	456.7	239.7
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	33-965	86-1697
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	47-619	21-126
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	14-140	8-72

TEAM STATISTICS	TCU	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	29.2	19.7
PUNT RETURN AVG.	13.2	6.0
INT RETURN AVG.	10.0	9.0
FUMBLES-LOST	27-15	23-11
PENALTIES-YARDS	72-703	82-738
Average Per Game	54.1	56.8
PUNTS-YARDS	60-2232	102-4276
Average Per Punt	37.2	41.9
Net punt average	34.8	33.9
TIME OF POSS./GAME	31:48	28:12
3RD-DOWN CONV.	65/158	52/194
3rd-Down Pct.	41%	27%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	4/10	8/20
4th-Down Pct.	40%	40%
SACKS BY-YARDS	33-206	12-76
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	65	20
FG-ATTEMPTS	15-18	9-13
PAT-ATTEMPTS	61-63	17-18
ATTENDANCE	229121	249820
Games/Avg Per Game	6/38187	6/41637
Neutral Site Games		1/73227

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
TCU	89	174	119	116	498
Opponent	29	72	30	35	166

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TOP 25 PICK

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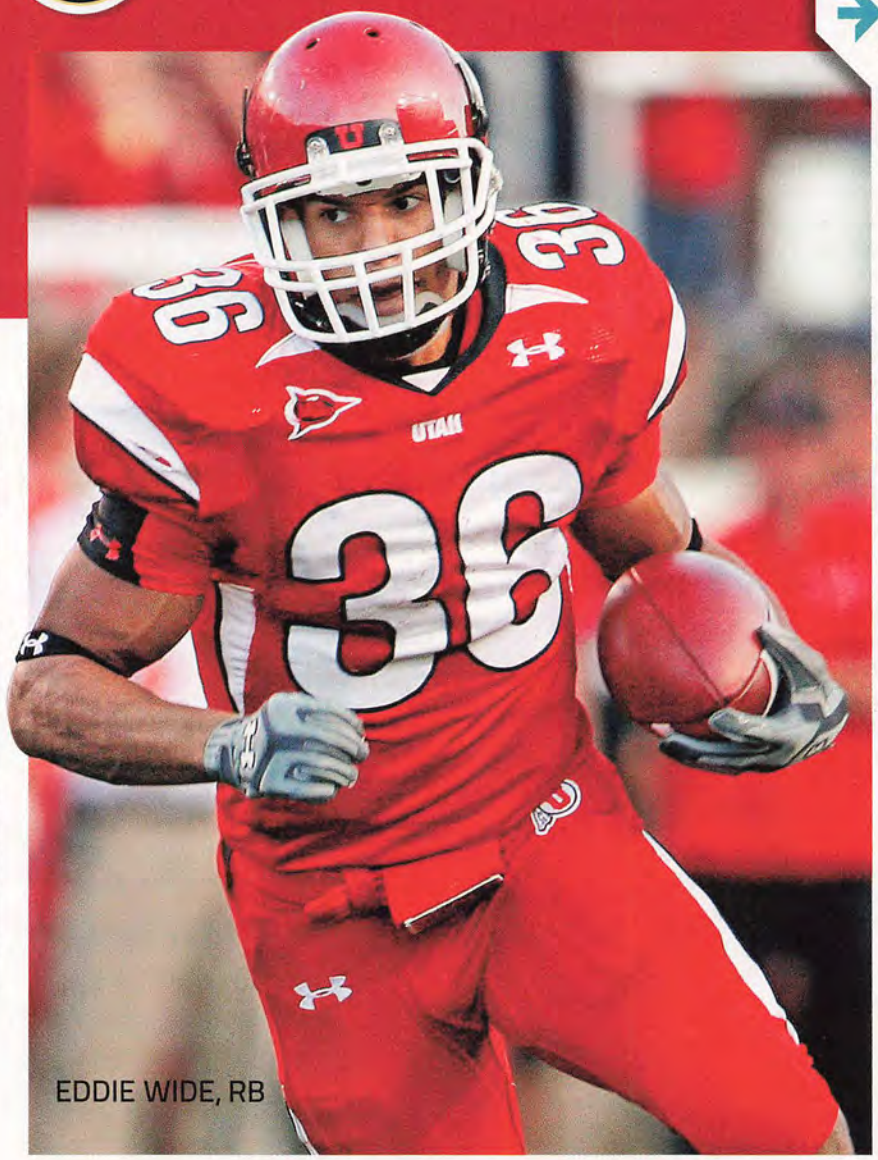

EDDIE WIDE, RB

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BULLET POINTS

- Kyle Whittingham is the first Utah coach in 100 years to have a winning record in each of his first five seasons.
- Utah has the nation's longest current bowl streak with nine straight wins.
- Senior kicker Joe Phillips led the Mountain West in field goal percentage (.909) in '09, making 20 of 22 attempts.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Pittsburgh	
S.11	UNLV	35-15
S.18	@NEW MEXICO	45-14
S.25	San Jose State	24-14
O.9	@IOWA STATE	
O.16	@WYOMING	22-10
O.23	Colorado State	24-17
O.30	@AIR FORCE	23-16 (OT)
N.6	TCU	28-55

GAME TO WATCH

N.13 @NOTRE DAME

The season opener against Pittsburgh is critical to a BCS bowl run, but this is Notre Dame on national TV and a chance to get some valuable exposure for the program.

N.20	@SAN DIEGO STATE	38-7
N.27	BYU	23-26 (OT)

BOWL PROJECTION

POINSETTIA BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
EDDIE WIDE, RB

Wide was a backup running back at the start of last year, but ended 2009 as Utah's go-to guy in the backfield. Now, the senior could emerge as a star in the Mountain West with his speed and strength as a ballcarrier.

Last season, nobody was expecting a repeat of Utah's 2008 campaign, when the team found itself in the Sugar Bowl and then handed Alabama its houndstooth hat. But with a 10-3 record and Poinsettia Bowl victory, 2009 was still pretty good for coach Kyle Whittingham and the Utes.

With TCU now the Mountain West team with the target on its chest, Utah can try and make a run back to a BCS bowl in 2010 and will do so with an experienced offense led by a reliable running attack that should allow the team to control the clock and tempo.

With eight starters back on offense, including senior running back Eddie Wide and four of five offensive linemen, Utah will grind on its opponents and try to wear them down. Wide became only the 10th player in school history to rush for at least 1,000 yards and finished with 1,069. He took full advantage of his opportunity when starter Matt Asiata went down with a knee injury in Week 4.

The good news for Utah is that the NCAA granted Asiata another year of eligibility and the senior, who missed spring drills while still on the mend from surgery, is expected to be ready

for the Utes' Sept. 2 opener against Pittsburgh.

With Wide and Asiata handling the running chores and Zane Taylor, Caleb Schlauderaff, Tevita Stevens and Tony Bergstrom blocking up front for them, quarterback Jordan Wynn can continue his development without being asked to do too much.

Wynn started the last five games in 2009 and averaged 249.4 yards per game through the air. He may not have to throw as often this year as a sophomore. But if he does, look for him to hook up often with senior receiver Jereme Brooks, who had 56 receptions last year and a team-best seven touchdowns.

The Utes are strong on the defensive line with tackles Dave Kruger and Sealver Siliga. Whittingham hopes ends Junior Tui'one and Lei Talamaivao can help stop the run and get pressure on the opposing quarterback. If they can't, it will put pressure on shutdown cornerback Brandon Burton, who had only one interception last year—mostly because teams were reluctant to throw in his direction. Lamar Chapman moves into the starting lineup after being a nickel back last season.

The Utes' 4-3 alignment will be tested because they are bringing in a brand new linebacking corps. Nai Fotu moves back to linebacker after playing end a year ago. Senior Chad Manis will likely start at strongside linebacker. with Jamel King, Matt Martinez and J.J. Williams competing for the weakside spot.

Utah brought in a strong recruiting class, hitting California and Texas hard to replenish the roster. The Utes also reached into the junior college ranks at nearby Snow College for three players.

Offensively, the depth is there. Defensively, it will be a question of how quickly the newcomers can contribute that may determine how successful Whittingham's team is this year.

One thing is certain: The Utah coach hasn't had much slippage since he took over for Urban Meyer five years ago. He's 47-17 during his career at Utah and has been to a bowl game every year. Look for that trend to continue in 2010.

CALEB SCHLAUDERAFF, OT

ICON / NEWSCOM

RECRUITING REPORT

If you were to draw up a quarterback who was a perfect fit for the Utah offense, 6-3, 205-pound **Brian Blechen** would be your prototype. He'll have plenty of weapons at his disposal, led by wide receivers **Terrell Reese**—a steal from Texas—and **Kenneth Scott** from California. Scott has great hands and is tough enough to take shots on routes over the middle. The Utes also went to Hawaii to find a great fit for their defense in 5-11, 215-pound linebacker **V.J. Fehoko**. Coach Kyle Whittingham also fortified his offensive line with the addition of 6-2, 260-pound **Zach Bolton,** who was one of the best prep prospects to come out of Houston last year.

—Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-3 MWC: 6-2
(beat California in the Poinsettia Bowl, 37-27)

Coach: Kyle Whittingham, 6th year (47-17)
Career record: 47-17
Offensive coordinators:
Dave Schramm (2nd year),
Aaron Roderick (1st year)
Defensive coordinator:
Kalani Sitake (2nd year)

Stadium: Rice-Eccles Stadium (45,017)
Tickets: 801-581-8849
Site: Salt Lake City
Official athletic Web site:
www.utahutes.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Terrance Cain						
GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
12	139.40	215-137-5	63.7	1624	11	135.3

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Eddie Wide	13	203	1069	5.3	12	82.2

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jereme Brooks	13	56	696	12.4	7	53.5

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Sealver Siliga	13	15	34	49

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Christian Cox	13	5.5	48

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Lamar Chapman	2	3	1.5	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	3	Jordan Wynn (6-1, 195, So.)
	7	Terrance Cain (5-11, 194, Sr.)
RB	36	Eddie Wide (5-10, 195, Sr.)
	4	Matt Asiata (5-11, 230, Sr.)
LOT	72	Caleb Schlauderaff (6-4, 302, Sr.)
	79	Percy Taumoelau (6-4, 300, Fr.)
LOG	71	Walter Watts (6-2, 297, Sr.)
	59	Ron Tongaonevai (6-3, 320, So.)
C	77	Zane Taylor (6-2, 309, Sr.)
	64	Vyncent Jones (6-3, 291, Fr.)
ROG	54	Tevita Stevens (6-1, 300, So.)
	76	Jeremiah Tofaeono (6-3, 306, Fr.)
ROT	70	Tony Bergstrom (6-6, 304, Jr.)
	56	Kapua Sai (6-5, 301, Fr.)
TE	81	Kendrick Moeai (6-5, 236, So.)
	84	Brad Clifford (6-4, 248, Sr.)
WR	85	Jereme Brooks (5-7, 170, Sr.)
	16	Griffin McNabb (5-8, 168, Fr.)
WR	11	Luke Matthews (6-1, 201, So.)
	87	Sean Fitzgerald (6-3, 205, Fr.)
WR	10	DeVonte Christopher (6-1, 195, So.)
	88	Jamal Smith (6-2, 191, Fr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Junior Tui'one (6-4, 265, Sr.)
	94	Christian Cox (6-1, 250, Sr.)
LDT	44	Dave Kruger (6-5, 275, So.)
	95	Latu Heimuli (6-3, 305, Fr.)
RDT	98	Sealver Siliga (6-3, 299, Jr.)
	91	James Aiono (6-4, 290, Jr.)
RDE	43	Lei Talamaivao (6-2, 270, Jr.)
	49	Trevor Reilly (6-5, 235, Fr.)
SLB	18	Chad Manis (6-5, 235, Sr.)
	32	Chaz Walker (5-11, 218, Jr.)
MLB	42	Nai Fotu (6-0, 235, Sr.)
	52	Matt Martinez (6-0, 228, Jr.)
WLB	13	J.J. Williams (6-0, 220, Jr.)
	51	Jamel King (6-2, 230, Jr.)
LCB	27	Brandon Burton (6-0, 185, Jr.)
	9	Conroy Black (6-0, 180, Jr.)
RCB	21	Lamar Chapman (5-8, 176, Sr.)
	6	Kamaron Yancy (5-9, 183, Sr.)
FS	37	Chris Washington (6-0, 205, Fr.)
	5	Damian Payne (6-0, 200, Fr.)
SS	33	Justin Taplin-Ross (6-3, 214, Sr.)
	19	Bryce Bennion (6-0, 195, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	39	Joe Phillips (5-11, 192, Sr.)
P	86	Sean Sellwood (6-3, 200, So.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	UTAH	OPP
SCORING	388	263
Points Per Game	29.8	20.2
FIRST DOWNS	245	230
Rushing	115	97
Passing	118	101
Penalty	12	32
RUSHING YARDAGE	2084	1792
Yards gained rushing	2391	2189
Yards lost rushing	307	397
Rushing Attempts	485	479
Average Per Rush	4.3	3.7
Average Per Game	160.3	137.8
TDs Rushing	23	17
PASSING YARDAGE	2980	2288
Att-Comp-Int	245-405-9	201-397-17
Average Per Pass	7.4	5.8
Average Per Catch	12.2	11.4
Average Per Game	229.2	176.0
TDs Passing	19	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	5064	4080
Total Plays	890	876
Average Per Play	5.7	4.7
Average Per Game	389.5	313.8
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	53-1188	41-859
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	42-344	23-261
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	17-214	9-182

TEAM STATISTICS	UTAH	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	22.4	21.0
PUNT RETURN AVG.	8.2	11.3
INT RETURN AVG.	12.6	20.2
FUMBLES-LOST	31-11	22-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	101-900	72-573
Average Per Game	69.2	44.1
PUNTS-YARDS	71-2986	85-3586
Average Per Punt	42.1	42.2
Net punt average	37.0	35.8
TIME OF POSS./GAME	31:04	28:56
3RD-DOWN CONV.	71/187	59/195
3rd-Down Pct.	38%	30%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	5/16	9/21
4th-Down Pct.	31%	43%
SACKS BY-YARDS	30-223	20-121
MISC YARDS	0	-11
TDS SCORED	46	32
FG-ATTEMPTS	21-26	14-17
PAT-ATTEMPTS	43-44	29-29
ATTENDANCE	270929	253123
Games/Avg Per Game	6/45155	6/42187
Neutral Site Games		1/32665

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
UTAH	99	100	78	101	10	388
Opponent	75	71	57	54	6	263

3 AIR FORCE FALCONS

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Troy Calhoun continues to do good things as the Falcons' head coach. Witness last year's 8-5 record and 47-20 win over Houston in the Armed Forces Bowl. In three years, Calhoun is 25-14.

Calhoun has an exciting, fast and hard-hitting secondary to anchor his defense and the usual assortment of tough guys running the ball on offense. Which means Air Force should have another solid year.

The secondary is anchored by Anthony Wright, who led the team with seven interceptions last year, three of which were returned for touchdowns. In addition, Air Force also has back Reggie Rembert (43 tackles, 3 interceptions) and Jon Davis (56, 3).

The Falcons were true ballhawks last year, as their defensive backfield was and continues to be one of the most athletic in school history. Calhoun encourages his guys to fly to the ball and make plays, and they have responded with an attacking defense that gets the Air Force offense into good field position.

Air Force allowed just 15.7 points a game last year, good for 10th overall in the nation. Only TCU had a better scoring defense in the Mountain West. The Falcons also led the MWC in pass defense, giving up just 154.3 yards through the air per game.

However, that defense lost six starters from last year, so Calhoun has some gaps to fill. But he still has defensive lineman Rick Ricketts to pressure opposing quarterbacks. Ricketts had four sacks and 57 tackles last year. Air Force also returns outside linebacker Andre Morris, who had 65 tackles and three sacks in '09.

Offensively, Air Force has been throwing the ball more effectively the last couple of years even though statistics would indicate otherwise. Yes, the Falcons were at the bottom of the Mountain West with just 88.4 yards per game through the air last season. But quarterback Tim Jefferson has a strong arm and Kevin Fogler and Jonathan Warzeka combined for 43 catches, with Fogler adding five touchdowns.

Still, it's always run first and pass second at Air Force, and look for a heavy dose of running back Jared Tew, who had 970 yards and averaged 4.1 yards per carry last year.

Jefferson should be more effective as a junior. He got better as last season went on and with his academic issues now behind him, Jefferson figures to be more focused.

One trend that Calhoun managed to reverse last year was Air Force's habit of fading late in the season. In 2009, the Falcons finished the year strong, winning four of their last five, including the bowl game over Houston. If Air Force is going to keep making progress, that's the one trend that needs to continue: Start fast and finish even faster.

JARED TEW, RB

THE NEXT BIG THING
ASHER CLARK, FB

Clark averaged 5.7 yards and scored seven touchdowns as a sophomore. At just 5-8, he's tough to find and even tougher to bring down.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 MWC: 5-3
(beat Houston in the Armed Forces Bowl, 47-20)

Coach: Troy Calhoun, 4th year (25-14)
Career record: 25-14
Offensive coordinators: Clay Hendrix (4th year), Blane Morgan (4th year), Mike Thiessen (2nd year)
Defensive coordinators: Matt Wallerstedt (1st year), Charlton Warren (2nd year)

Stadium: Falcon Stadium (46,692)
Tickets: 800-666-USAF
Site: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Official athletic Web site: www.goairforcefalcons.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Northwestern State	
S.11	BYU	21-38
S.18	@OKLAHOMA	
S.25	@WYOMING	10-0
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	Navy	13-16 (OT)

If the Falcons intend to win the 2010 Commander in Chief Trophy, they'll have to get past Navy, which edged Air Force 16-13 in overtime last year.

O.9	Colorado State	34-16
O.16	@SAN DIEGO STATE	26-14
O.23	@TCU	17-20
O.30	Utah	16-23 (OT)
N.6	@ARMY	35-7
N.13	New Mexico	37-13
N.18	@UNLV	45-17

BOWL PROJECTION

NEW MEXICO BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Running backs Jared Tew and Asher Clark form a potent tandem in the backfield.
- Senior Rick Ricketts is the only returning starter on the defensive line.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Tim Jefferson (6-0, 200, Jr.)
FB	17	Asher Clark (5-8, 185, Jr.)
RB	42	Jared Tew (6-0, 210, Sr.)
LOT	73	A.J. Wallerstein (6-4, 285, Jr.)
LOG	71	Jason Kons (6-4, 250, So.)
C	69	Michael Hester (6-3, 240, Jr.)
ROG	74	Chase Darden (6-3, 255, Sr.)
ROT	61	Tyler Schonsheck (6-1, 265, Sr.)
TE	82	Chaz Demerath (6-2, 195, Sr.)
WR	83	Kevin Fogler (6-5, 205, Sr.)
WR	15	Jonathan Warzeka (5-9, 175, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	92	Wylie Wikstrom (6-2, 235, Sr.)
NT	86	Ryan Gardner (6-3, 240, Jr.)
RDE	90	Rick Ricketts (6-3, 260, Sr.)
LOLB	36	Andre Morris (6-3, 235, Sr.)
LILB	58	Wale Lawal (6-3, 215, So.)
RILB	41	Brady Amack (6-0, 225, Jr.)
ROLB	38	James Chambers (6-0, 220, So.)
LCB	5	Anthony Wright (5-10, 190, Jr.)
RCB	6	Jon Davis (6-1, 190, Jr.)
FS	8	Reggie Rembert (5-8, 185, Sr.)
SS	31	Brian Lindsay (6-1, 205, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	99	Erik Soderberg (6-1, 190, Jr.)
P	97	Keil Bartholomew (5-8, 165, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Antonio Andrews
QB, 6-0, 193
Andrews is a shifty dual-threat quarterback who is the perfect fit in what Air Force wants from its signal-callers.

2 — Sean Craig
TE, 6-3, 225
Craig had offers from Army and a number of Mountain West and WAC programs before picking the Falcons.

3 — Jon Lee
ATH, 5-10, 185
Lee's mother is in the Army National Guard and currently deployed in Afghanistan, but she wanted her son to play for Air Force.

4 — Seth Kline
LB, 6-1, 215
Kline was sold on Air Force's ability to position himself in the work force after football is complete.

5 — Moshood Adeniji
DE, 6-2, 225
Adeniji bounced back from an injury as a sophomore to become one of the top defensive players for Garland (Texas).

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BYU COUGARS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Washington	
S.11	@AIR FORCE	38-21
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	@ Florida State	28-54

This is a huge revenge game for the Cougars, who were knocked out of the BCS chase after being routed 54-28 by the Seminoles in Provo last year.

S.25	Nevada	
O.1	@UTAH STATE	35-17
O.9	San Diego State	38-28
O.16	@TCU	7-38
O.23	Wyoming	52-0
N.6	UNLV	59-21
N.13	@COLORADO STATE	42-23
N.20	New Mexico	24-19
N.27	@UTAH	26-23(OT)

BOWL PROJECTION

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 11-2 MWC: 7-1
(beat Oregon State in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas, 44-20)

Coach: Bronco Mendenhall, 6th year (49-15)
Career record: 49-15
Offensive coordinator: Robert Anae (6th year)
Defensive coordinator: Jaime Hill (3rd year)

Stadium: LaVell Edwards Stadium (64,045)
Tickets: 800-322-BYU1
Site: Provo, Utah
Official athletic Web site: www.byucougars.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	13	Riley Nelson (6-0, 207, Jr.)
FB	33	Bryan Kariya (6-0, 214, Jr.)
RB	10	JJ Di Luigi (5-9, 198, Jr.)
LOT	70	Matt Reynolds (6-6, 329, Jr.)
LOG	76	Braden Hansen (6-6, 300, So.)
C	62	Marco Thorson (6-3, 321, Jr.)
ROG	60	Terence Brown (6-3, 340, Jr.)
ROT	72	Nick Alletto (6-6, 329, Sr.)
TE	93	Matthew Edwards (6-3, 206, Jr.)
WR	4	O'Neill Chambers (6-2, 210, Jr.)
WR	6	McKay Jacobson (5-11, 192, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	57	Matt Putnam (6-6, 255, Jr.)
NT	98	Romney Fuga (6-1, 295, Jr.)
RDE	49	Jadon Wagner (6-4, 264, Jr.)
LOLB	1	Jordan Pendleton (6-2, 228, Jr.)
LILB	55	Brandon Ogletree (5-11, 222, So.)
RILB	51	Shane Hunter (5-10, 236, Sr.)
ROLB	43	Jordan Atkinson (6-3, 243, Sr.)
LCB	7	Brian Logan (5-6, 176, Sr.)
RCB	5	Brandon Bradley (6-0, 200, Sr.)
FS	18	Craig Bills (6-2, 202, Fr.)
SS	22	Andrew Rich (6-3, 223, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	38	Mitch Payne (6-2, 210, Sr.)
P	99	Riley Stephenson (6-0, 183, So.)

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At every school, replacing the quarterback is a big deal. In Provo, the discussion of who will be BYU's signal-caller goes to a different level. The chat rooms and Internet message boards have been overloaded by fans trying to figure out who is best suited to take Max Hall's place under center this season.

Replacing Hall will be the No. 1 challenge for Cougars coach Bronco Mendenhall. Hall was a three-year starter and, as a senior, he passed for 3,560 yards and 33 touchdowns. Mendenhall's choices are Riley Nelson, who was Hall's backup last year and appeared in mop-up duty in seven games; true freshman Jake Heaps, considered the top quarterback prospect in the nation by *Scout.com*; and sophomore James Lark, who was on his church mission a year ago.

The Cougar faithful were prepared for Hall's departure, but hopes for a solid season took an unexpected blow in April when running back Harvey Unga voluntarily withdrew from school due to an honor code violation. Unga gained 1,087 rushing yards in 2009, his third straight 1,000-yard campaign. JJ Di Luigi and Bryan Kariya, both juniors, now figure to split the load in the backfield.

While BYU will have to break in new starters at quarterback and running back, there are two solid weapons at wide receiver, as McKay Jacobson (24.2 yards per catch last season) and O'Neill Chambers combined for more than 900 receiving yards last year. Jacobson is a deep threat while Chambers enjoys going over the middle and making contact with safeties.

The Cougars have recorded four straight seasons of at least 10 wins and Mendenhall has maintained a consistent winner.

COLORADO STATE RAMS 5

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Colorado (at Denver)	23-17
S.11	@NEVADA	35-20
S.18	@MIAMI (Ohio)	
S.25	Idaho	29-31
O.2	TCU	6-44
O.9	@AIR FORCE	16-34
GAME TO WATCH		
O.16	UNLV	16-35

The Rams could be staring at an 0-2 mark in the Mountain West by this game, having already played league heavyweights TCU and Air Force. This will be a make-or-break contest for Colorado State if it hopes to avoid the conference cellar for a second straight year.

O.23	@UTAH	17-24
O.30	New Mexico	27-29
N.6	@SAN DIEGO STATE	28-42
N.13	BYU	23-42
N.20	@WYOMING	16-17

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-9 MWC: 0-8

Coach: Steve Fairchild, 3rd year (10-15)
Career record: 10-15
Offensive coordinator: Pat Meyer (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Larry Kerr (3rd year)

Stadium: Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium (34,400)
Tickets: 800-491-RAMS
Site: Fort Collins
Official athletic Web site: www.csurams.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	17	T.J. Borcky (6-4, 204, Jr.)
FB	36	Zac Pauga (6-0, 240, Sr.)
RB	7	John Mosure (5-10, 208, Sr.)
LOT	76	Paul Madsen (6-4, 299, Jr.)
LOG	58	Jake Gdowski (6-3, 299, Jr.)
C	72	Tyler McDermott (6-2, 274, Jr.)
ROG	65	Ryan Griffith (6-4, 269, Sr.)
ROT	78	Mark Starr (6-5, 295, Sr.)
TE	45	Eric Peitz (6-5, 255, Sr.)
WR	8	Byron Steele (6-3, 207, So.)
WR	23	Tyson Liggett (5-9, 186, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	24	Cory Macon (6-6, 231, Sr.)
LDT	92	Nuku Latu (6-2, 301, Jr.)
RDT	66	Guy Miller (6-3, 297, Sr.)
RDE	61	Eugene Daniels (6-3, 238, Jr.)
SLB	56	Ricky Brewer (6-2, 217, Sr.)
MLB	51	Alex Williams (6-2, 235, Sr.)
WLB	6	Mychal Sisson (5-11, 209, Jr.)
LCB	5	Gerard Thomas (5-9, 172, Jr.)
RCB	2	DeAngelo Wilkinson (5-10, 189, Sr.)
FS	22	Elijah-Blu Smith (5-11, 190, Jr.)
SS	35	Ivory Herd (5-11, 191, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	14	Ben DeLine (6-0, 175, Jr.)
P	41	Pete Kontodiakos (6-3, 198, So.)

What happened to the Rams?

It appeared things were heading in the right direction with Steve Fairchild. But last year was a step backwards, as Colorado State went winless in the Mountain West at 0-8 and finished 3-9 overall. Suffice to say, no one in Fort Collins was happy, least of all Fairchild, who is beginning his third year as head coach.

To prevent history from repeating itself, Colorado State is going back to its roots—running the football and playing good defense.

The running game will be built around Leonard Mason, who gained 766 yards on the ground last year, and John Mosure, who had 650 rushing yards. They will be asked to provide the stability that a ball-control offense requires.

UCLA transfer Raymond Carter brings speed and quickness in the backfield and redshirt freshman fullback Chris Nwoke will look to pound opposing defenses.

Colorado State's problem is that the guys up front who are expected to open holes for the backs are inexperienced. Tackle Paul Madsen (the lone returning starter from last year), junior guard Jake Gdowski and senior tackle Mark Starr are the most experienced linemen.

As for who will play quarterback, it will be a battle between true freshman Pete Thomas, junior T.J. Borcky, redshirt freshman Nico Ranieri and senior Jon Eastman, who started one game for Colorado State last season.

Whoever it is will be asked to manage the game and not take risks—just get the ball to the backs and get out of the way.

If CSU is running the ball well, it'll be up to the defense to keep the Rams in games. With nine starters back, that shouldn't be much to ask.

6 WYOMING COWBOYS

The Cowboys had a new coach, found a new quarterback and regained a measure of respectability in 2009, going 7-6 and winning the New Mexico Bowl.

It seems football matters once again in Laramie, as Dave Christensen revived a program's sagging fortunes by taking a gamble on a freshman QB and believing in his players. Wyoming won four games with fourth-quarter rallies by finding ways to hang in games and eventually come out on top.

Sixteen starters are back from that team, which has Wyoming fans excited about 2010. And while it may be early to be making reservations to attend a second consecutive bowl, the fact is the Cowboys are a pretty good football team and, barring any major slippage, should be in the postseason mix.

A lot will depend on the continued progress of sophomore QB Austyn Carta-Samuels, Wyoming's run-pass threat. Cara-Samuels flourished as a freshman while Christensen limited the playbook, and he executed what was called on a consistent basis. Carta-Samuels passed for 1,953 yards and ran for another 366. With the plan to expand the playbook, look for him to be a big part of the offense's progress.

The same is true for wide receiver David Leonard, who had 77 receptions and averaged 9.2 yards per catch in 2009. He has great hands and is likely to catch anything thrown in his vicinity.

With seven starters back on defense, Wyoming should continue to stay in close games. Free safety Chris Prosinski is an all-conference talent and the Gipson brothers, Marcell and Tashaun, give Wyoming quality cornerbacks.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Southern Utah	
S.11	@TEXAS	10-41
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**Boise State**	

Wyoming plays at Texas the week before, but this is the kind of game coach Dave Christensen's program can truly measure itself against and aspire to be like one day.

S.25	Air Force	0-10
O.2	@TOLEDO	
O.9	@TCU	10-45
O.16	Utah	10-22
O.23	@BYU	0-52
O.30	San Diego State	30-27
N.6	@NEW MEXICO	37-13
N.13	@UNLV	30-27
N.20	Colorado State	17-16

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 MWC: 4-4
(beat Fresno State in the New Mexico Bowl, 35-28)

Coach: Dave Christensen, 2nd year (7-6)
Career record: 7-6
Offensive coordinator: Marcus Arroyo (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Marty English (2nd year)

Stadium: Jonah Field at War Memorial Stadium (32,580)
Tickets: 800-922-9461
Site: Laramie
Official athletic Web site: www.wyomingathletics.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	5	Austyn Carta-Samuels (6-2, 215, So.)
RB	32	Alvester Alexander (5-11, 208, So.)
LOT	76	Josh Leonard (6-4, 296, So.)
LOG	57	Jack Tennant (6-4, 305, Sr.)
C	60	Nick Carlson (6-4, 290, So.)
ROG	75	Sam Sterner (6-4, 302, Sr.)
ROT	72	Clayton Kirven (6-6, 305, Jr.)
TE	80	Chris McNeill (6-1, 175, So.)
WR	33	David Leonard (6-4, 200, Sr.)
WR	89	Zach Bolger (5-10, 185, Sr.)
WR	3	Travis Burkhalter (6-1, 191, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	44	Josh Biezuns (6-2, 245, Jr.)
LDT	15	Ben Durbin (6-3, 250, So.)
RDT	95	Patrick Mertens (6-5, 269, Fr.)
RDE	52	Gabe Knapton (6-3, 248, Jr.)
SLB	43	Devyn Harris (6-3, 225, Fr.)
MLB	8	Brian Hendricks (6-1, 228, Jr.)
WLB	23	Ghaali Muhammad (6-0, 225, So.)
LCB	2	Marcell Gipson (5-10, 183, Sr.)
RCB	4	Tashaun Gipson (6-0, 195, Jr.)
FS	24	Chris Prosinski (6-1, 210, Sr.)
SS	7	Shamiel Gary (6-1, 210, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	51	Ian Watts (6-3, 180, So.)
P	28	Austin McCoy (6-3, 202, Jr.)

7 NEW MEXICO LOBOS

Going 1-11 was not what New Mexico had in mind when it brought Mike Locksley in to replace Rocky Long. The Lobo brass also wasn't planning on Locksley getting physical with members of his staff and ultimately getting suspended for one game.

That said, the Lobos are looking to wipe the slate clean and act as though 2009 never happened. But that's easier said than done, given how bad things were.

To turn the page, Locksley preached positive thinking to his team in the spring. New Mexico did see improvement in some areas, including fewer penalties, fewer turnovers and more rushing yards.

But many areas need shoring up. The Lobos' no-huddle spread offense managed just 16.3 points a game last year. And there's going to be a new quarterback in charge of generating more points. It could be one of five candidates, including true freshmen Stump Godfrey and Tarean Austin. More than likely, however, senior Tate Smith, junior Brad Gruner or sophomore B.R. Holbrook will get the nod.

New Mexico should be able to run the ball with Demond Dennis, who led the team with 427 rushing yards and three touchdowns last year. James Wright and Kasey Carrier are also back and both showed signs of being able to run effectively in 2009.

Whoever is throwing the ball will likely look toward Ty Kirk, who had 36 receptions last season.

Defensively, New Mexico will be led by all-conference linebacker Carmen Messina, whose 162 tackles topped the nation in 2009. Defensive backs Anthony Hooks and Nathan Enriquez are talented. The big question is if the line can bring pressure this year.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@OREGON	
S.11	Texas Tech	28-48
S.18	Utah	14-45
S.25	@UNLV	17-34
O.2	UTEP	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	**@ New Mexico State**	**17-20**

This rivalry game matters even more with both programs currently struggling. A win might help the Lobos with recruiting in the state.

O.23	San Diego State	20-23
O.30	@COLORADO STATE	29-27
N.6	Wyoming	13-37
N.13	@AIR FORCE	13-37
N.20	@BYU	19-24
N.27	TCU	10-51

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 1-11 MWC: 1-7

Coach: Mike Locksley, 2nd year (1-11)
Career record: 1-11
Offensive coordinator: Darrell Dickey (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Doug Mallory (2nd year)

Stadium: University Stadium (38,634)
Tickets: 505-925-5626
Site: Albuquerque
Official athletic Web site: www.golobos.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	B.R. Holbrook (6-3, 175, So.)
FB	32	Josh Fussell (6-2, 255, Sr.)
RB	21	Kasey Carrier (5-9, 175, So.)
LOT	74	Byron Bell (6-5, 325, Jr.)
LOG	56	Mike Cannon (6-3, 295, Sr.)
C	63	Dillon Farrell (6-5, 272, Fr.)
ROG	73	Karlin Givens (6-3, 299, Sr.)
ROT	77	Maurice Mears (6-4, 295, Sr.)
TE	97	Lucas Reed (6-6, 215, So.)
WR	18	Chris Hernandez (6-3, 184, Sr.)
WR	84	Ty Kirk (6-2, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	88	Johnathan Rainey (6-2, 242, Jr.)
LDT	93	Peter Gardner (6-4, 289, Sr.)
RDT	91	Brett Kennedy (6-3, 260, Jr.)
RDE	48	Jaymar Latchison (6-3, 245, Jr.)
SLB	46	Spencer Merritt (6-2, 205, So.)
MLB	58	Carmen Messina (6-2, 210, Jr.)
WLB	39	Joe Stoner (5-10, 224, So.)
LCB	47	Nathan Enriquez (5-11, 178, So.)
RCB	6	Anthony Hooks (5-11, 170, Jr.)
FS	17	Freddy Young (5-11, 180, So.)
SS	28	Bubba Forrest (6-1, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	12	James Aho (5-9, 175, Jr.)
P		Ben Skaer (6-0, 185, Fr.)

SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS 8

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Nicholls State	
S.11	@NEW MEXICO STATE	34-17
S.18	@MISSOURI	
S.25	Utah State	
O.9	@BYU	28-38
O.16	Air Force	14-26
O.23	@NEW MEXICO	23-20
O.30	@WYOMING	27-30
N.6	Colorado State	42-28
N.13	@TCU	12-55
N.20	Utah	7-38
GAME TO WATCH		
N.27	UNLV	24-28

If the Aztecs are still in the hunt for a bowl bid, this could be the make-or-break game. The Rebels, though, also figure to be better this season.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 MWC: 2-6

Coach: Brady Hoke, 2nd year (4-8)
Career record: 38-46
Offensive coordinator: Al Borges (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Rocky Long (2nd year)

Stadium: Qualcomm Stadium (54,000)
Tickets: 619-283-SDSU
Site: San Diego
Official athletic Web site: www.goaztecs.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	14	Ryan Lindley (6-4, 215, Jr.)
FB	23	Brandon Sullivan (5-11, 210, Sr.)
RB	31	Walter Kazee (5-9, 175, So.)
LOT	60	Tommie Draheim (6-4, 295, So.)
LOG	71	Alec Johnson (6-3, 300, So.)
C	50	Trask Iosefa (6-0, 300, Sr.)
ROG	68	Nik Embernate (6-4, 295, So.)
ROT	69	Erik Quinones (6-3, 295, So.)
TE	7	Alston Umuolo (6-4, 250, Sr.)
WR	80	Vincent Brown (6-0, 195, Sr.)
WR	1	DeMarco Sampson (6-2, 205, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	90	B.J. Williams (6-3, 250, Sr.)
NT	99	Ernie Lawson (6-3, 285, Sr.)
RDE	47	Jacob Tauanuu (6-1, 260, Sr.)
WLB	9	Miles Burris (6-2, 240, Jr.)
MLB	52	Marcus Yarbrough (6-2, 230, Sr.)
SLB	31	Logan Ketchum (6-3, 225, Jr.)
LCB	20	Leon McFadden (5-10, 180, So.)
RCB	15	Jose Perez (6-1, 180, Sr.)
FS	5	Dey Juan Hemmings (5-11, 210, Sr.)
SS	11	Brandon Davis (6-2, 190, Jr.)
S	22	Andrew Preston (6-1, 215, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	88	Lane Yoshida (5-10, 195, Sr.)
P	14	Brian Stahovich (6-0, 195, Jr.)

The Aztecs were not expected to do much in Brady Hoke's first year as head coach. But by going 4-8 and staying out of the conference cellar, San Diego State took its first steps back to respectability.

Now in Year 2, Hoke hopes to put his program in position to contend for one of the league's five bowl tie-ins. To do so, his defense must get more stops and his offense must take care of the ball and play smart.

"I think we're going to be a more athletic team," Hoke says. "I think we're a better football team than we were this time a year ago."

The Aztecs are better because the players in the program are more comfortable with Hoke and his coaching staff and vice versa. Quarterback Ryan Lindley should continue to make progress in his junior season now that he has a year of playing for Hoke under his belt. Lindley passed for 3,054 yards and 23 touchdowns as a sophomore while averaging 254.5 yards per game through the air, second best in the Mountain West

Lindley's favorite target, DeMarco Sampson, is back along with senior Vincent Brown and sophomore Dominique Sandifer. Sampson led the team with 62 receptions and scored eight touchdowns in 2009, while Sandifer had 26 grabs and a pair of TDs.

The Aztecs still need to develop a running game. They finished last in the rushing department in the MWC last year, but if sophomore Walter Kazee and freshman Ronnie Hillman can make any impact, SDSU will move up in the conference standings.

Hoke is confident his defense will improve. That side of the ball was a point of emphasis during the spring.

UNLV REBELS 9

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Wisconsin	
S.11	@UTAH	15-35
S.18	@IDAHO	
S.25	New Mexico	34-17
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	Nevada	28-63

Last year, the Wolf Pack put up 63 points in a drubbing of UNLV. Don't expect an encore this time at Sam Boyd Stadium, as that game still likely weighs on the minds of Rebel players.

O.9	@WEST VIRGINIA	
O.16	@COLORADO STATE	35-16
O.30	TCU	0-41
N.6	@BYU	21-59
N.13	Wyoming	27-30
N.18	Air Force	17-45
N.27	@SAN DIEGO STATE	28-24
D.4	@HAWAII	34-33

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 MWC: 3-5

Coach: Bobby Hauck, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Rob Phenicie (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Kraig Paulson (1st year)

Stadium: Sam Boyd Stadium (36,800)
Tickets: 702-739-FANS
Site: Las Vegas
Official athletic Web site: www.unlvrebels.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	2	Omar Clayton (6-1, 200, Sr.)
RB	32	Channing Trotter (5-8, 200, Sr.)
LOT	75	Matt Murphy (6-4, 300, Sr.)
LOG	70	Jason Heath (6-3, 280, So.)
C	66	John Gianninoto (6-3, 290, Sr.)
ROG	50	Andrew Mack (6-2, 285, So.)
ROT	73	Evan Marchal (6-7, 280, Sr.)
TE	44	Kyle Watkins (6-2, 240, Jr.)
WR	4	Phillip Payne (6-3, 200, Jr.)
WR	7	Michael Johnson (5-8, 170, Jr.)
WR	80	Mark Barefield (6-0, 195, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	47	Daniel Mareko (6-3, 245, Sr.)
LDT	99	Isaako Aaitui (6-3, 300, Sr.)
RDT	65	Ramsey Feagai (6-2, 340, Sr.)
RDE	93	Malo Taumua (6-1, 270, Sr.)
WLB	53	Matt Kravetz (6-1, 245, Jr.)
MLB	56	Ronnie Paulo (6-1, 240, Sr.)
SLB	14	Starr Fuimaono (6-0, 210, Sr.)
LCB	26	Deante Purvis (5-10, 185, Jr.)
RCB	10	Quinton Pointer (5-10, 185, Sr.)
FS	9	Travis Dixon (6-0, 190, Sr.)
SS	22	Alex De Giacomo (6-0, 185, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	39	Ben Jaekle (6-1, 175, Sr.)
P	45	Brendon Lamers (5-11, 190, Sr.)

After five years of losing football, Mike Sanford was sent packing and Bobby Hauck was brought in from Montana to help get the Rebels to the next step—a bowl game.

It might be a baby step this year given the team's schedule. Nonconference games against Wisconsin, West Virginia, Nevada, Idaho and Hawaii will test Hauck's patience and UNLV's depth.

However, there is talent to work with. Eight starters return on each side of the ball, and UNLV's secondary of Quinton Pointer, Travis Dixon, Deante' Purvis and Alex De Giacamo is one of the better units in the league.

Linebackers Starr Fuimaono and Ronnie Paulo are potential all-conference players and defensive linemen Malo Taumua and Isaako Aaitul play the run well.

Omar Clayton has had some bright moments at quarterback, but he will be in a battle with Mike Clausen and Caleb Herring to be the starter this season. Nothing was settled at spring practice, as the competition among the three was close.

Whoever wins the job will get to throw to Michael Johnson and Philip Payne, two talented receivers who run good routes and can get all-important yards after the catch. Senior Channing Trotter, the Rebels' 5-8 running back, is elusive and Hauck figures to use him as both a runner and a receiver.

Senior center John Gianninoto is underrated and will anchor a decent offensive line. The Rebels were able to move the ball under Sanford between the 20s. Now, Hauck's task is to get his team to finish drives while having the defense do a better job of stopping opponents from finishing theirs.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

MID-AMERICAN

STOCK REPORT ↑ UP ↓ DOWN ↔ STEADY

EAST

1 ↑ Temple
2 ↑ Bowling Green
3 ↔ Ohio
4 ↔ Kent State
5 ↓ Buffalo
6 ↓ Akron
7 ↓ Miami (Ohio)

WEST

1 ↑ Northern Illinois
2 ↔ Central Michigan
3 ↑ Toledo
4 ↔ Western Michigan
5 ↓ Ball State
6 ↓ Eastern Michigan

RATING THE MAC

Fastest Receiver
Tyshon Goode, Kent State

Best Hands
Eric Page, WR, Toledo

Best Passing QB
Zac Dysert, Miami

Best Running QB
Alex Gillett, Eastern Michigan

Most Elusive RB
Bernard Pierce, Temple

Best Instincts
Davonte Shannon, SS, Buffalo

Best Athlete
Chad Spann, RB, Northern Illinois

Best Under Pressure
Ian McGarvey, K, Ball State

Top NFL Prospect
Jaiquawn Jarrett, FS, Temple

Top Impact Freshman
James Green, WR, Toledo

Hardest Hitter
Noah Keller, LB, Ohio

Biggest Underachiever
Brian Kelly, OL, Buffalo

Best Interview
Domonic Cook, CB, Buffalo

Best Coach
Bill Cubit, Western Michigan

Best Recruiter
Al Golden, Temple

Worst Road Trip
Miami (Ohio)

Tailbacks will now carry the MAC mantle

By Rodney McKissic, *Buffalo News*

The Mid-American Conference has a strong history of producing high-caliber quarterbacks and you can now add Central Michigan's Dan LeFevour and Western Michigan's Tim Hiller to that list.

Now that LeFevour and Hiller have taken their record-setting talents to the next level, the question now is, who's next? While there are several candidates on tap (Miami's Zac Dysert, Akron's Patrick Nicely), this is the first time in recent memory that nearly every team in the league has major questions at quarterback.

The focus is now a tailback crop led by Temple's Bernard Pierce, who made a stunning college debut for the Owls. Northern Illinois' Chad Spann, Ball State's MiQuale Lewis (who was granted a fifth year of eligibility) and Kent State's Eugene Jarvis (given a sixth season by the NCAA) round out a rushing group that could stack up with any BCS conference.

History also indicates the team with the best quarterback has the inside track on the conference title, but that could change this time around.

Temple, winners of nine games last season and a bowl appearance, is strong defensively and figures to play a major role in deciding the East. Last year, expectations were low at Ohio but the Bobcats ended up winning the division title. The Bobcats should make the division race interesting if senior quarterback Boo Jackson recovers from a torn labrum. Bowling Green and Kent State have a chance to move into the top spot, while new coach Jeff Quinn tries to help Buffalo rebound from a disappointing season. New coach Rob Ianello will try to do the same at Akron, while second-year coach Mike Haywood continues the rebuilding project at tradition-rich Miami (Ohio).

Now that LeFevour and coach Butch Jones (the new Cincinnati coach) have moved on, the West Division is more balanced than it has been in recent years. With multitalented quarterback Chandler Harnish, coach Jerry Kill's Northern Illinois club showed tremendous promise last season and notched a victory over Purdue. Toledo and Western Michigan have to address defensive woes, while Ball State and Eastern Michigan are looking to continue their upward mobility in the West.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Jeremy Crabtree, *Rivals.com*

1. TOLEDO The Rockets landed the best class in the league, highlighted by four-star receiver James Green.
2. TEMPLE The Owls landed a solid group led by talented DT Dante Weaver.
3. KENT STATE Jerome Davis is one of the best defensive players from Georgia.
4. NORTHERN ILLINOIS Watch out for RB Jasmin Hopkins from Fort Scott CC.
5. AKRON Rob Ianello helped rally Akron's class to the upper half of the conference.
6. WESTERN MICHIGAN Raheam Buxton and Tevin Drake are talented players from the Sunshine State.
7. MIAMI (OHIO) DeMarco Paine is a three-star recruit , while Orne Bey is one of the top defensive playmakers in Pennsylvania.
8. BOWLING GREEN Bowling Green's class featured five three-star recruits.
9. BALL STATE Three-star recruits such as Quintin Cooper, Brian Jones and Tory Squires could develop into talented players.
10. CENTRAL MICHIGAN Defensive end Kevin Henry is a big steal and talented enough to play in the Big Ten.
11. BUFFALO A coaching change put the recruiting class in transition, but Okoye Houston and James Potts look like impact players.
12. EASTERN MICHIGAN Eastern's class has 24 players, including two three-star recruits.
13. OHIO Frank Solich recruits kids who play his style of hard-nosed football, and that's what is in this group.

ASCENDING

NORTHERN ILLINOIS ▸ Road games at Iowa State, Illinois and Minnesota will prepare Northern Illinois to perhaps run the table in the MAC.

DESCENDING

BALL STATE ▸ Two years ago Ball State finished the regular season undefeated, but the Cardinals will fight to stay clear of the West Division cellar.

ALL-MAC

OFFENSE

QB ▸ Patrick Nicely, So., Akron
RB ▸ Bernard Pierce, So., Temple
RB ▸ Chad Spann, Sr., Northern Illinois
OL ▸ Darius Morris, Sr., Temple
OL ▸ Colin Madison, Sr., Temple
OL ▸ Anthony Parker, Jr., Western Michigan
OL ▸ Brandon Brooks, Jr., Miami
OL ▸ Peter Bittner, Sr., Buffalo
TE ▸ David Blackburn, Jr., Central Michigan
WR ▸ Eric Page, So., Toledo
WR ▸ Jordan White, Sr., Western Michigan

DEFENSE

DL ▸ Robert Eddins, Sr., Ball State
DL ▸ Adrian Robinson, Jr., Temple
DL ▸ Muhammad Wilkerson, Jr., Temple
DL ▸ Monte Simmons, Sr., Kent State
LB ▸ Nick Bellore, Sr., Central Michigan
LB ▸ Noah Keller, Sr., Ohio
LB ▸ Brian Wagner, So., Akron
DB ▸ Davonte Shannon, Sr., Buffalo
DB ▸ Brian Lainhart, Sr., Kent State
DB ▸ Jaiquawn Jarrett, Sr., Temple
DB ▸ Gerald Moore, So., Ohio

SPECIALISTS

K ▸ Matt Weller, So., Ohio
P ▸ Matt Rinehart, Jr., Kent State

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1. Temple's Al Golden will follow Turner Gill and Butch Jones into a BCS program by next season.

2. Akron's Patrick Nicely will be the next great quarterback to emerge from the MAC and become a high NFL draft pick.

3. The return of tailback Eugene Jarvis could spark Kent State to the MAC East Division championship.

4. Northern Illinois will score an upset at Illinois and gain some Top 25 consideration.

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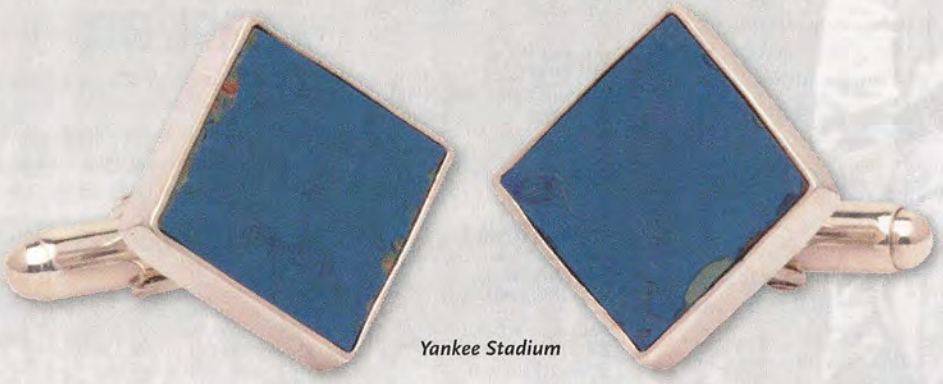

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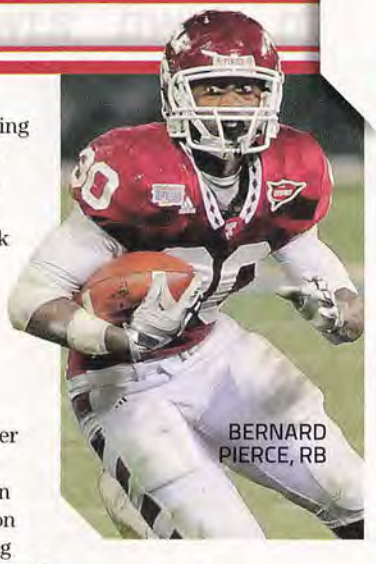
BERNARD PIERCE, RB

Finally, after so many substandard and underachieving seasons, Temple managed a breakthrough in 2009, completing the program's most triumphant season in 30 years. The Owls went 9-4 last fall in a season that ended with them losing to UCLA 30-21 in the EagleBank Bowl. Temple, which was once kicked out of the Big East because of the conference's perception that it lacked a commitment to football, is relevant again, and coach Al Golden intends to keep it that way.

He has the returning talent to do just that. The bulk of last year's roster is back and Golden, an outstanding recruiter, has built the depth considerably since taking over the downtrodden program in 2006.

Not only did the Owls enjoy their first winning season in 19 years, they also earned a share of the MAC East Division title with a 7-1 mark, and put together a nine-game winning streak that established a school record for a single season. With 17 starters and 56 lettermen returning— along with 26 others coming off their redshirt seasons—Golden's squad will be a leading contender for the MAC championship this fall.

Among the nine starters back on offense is tailback Bernard Pierce, who was named MAC Freshman of the Year after setting the school's freshman record for rushing yards with 1,361 and single-season school records for touchdowns (16) and points (96). A shoulder injury limited him to eight starts during the regular season, but Pierce indicated that he was fine during the spring.

The Owls return nine of their top 10 offensive linemen, including a pair of first-team All-MAC selections in guard Colin Madison and tackle Darius Morris. They will line up in front of either redshirt senior Vaughn Charlton or redshirt junior Chester Stewart, who split the quarterbacking duties last season. Stewart (514 yards, 3 TDs, 3 INTs) started the last four games of the regular season. Charlton (1,390, 10, 11) moved back into the lineup in the postseason.

To help balance the offense and perhaps take some of the pressure off the quarterback, Golden signed highly touted junior college receiver Darryl Shine, a burner who was also sought by Utah, Wyoming and Hawaii.

While Pierce took up the bulk of the publicity last season, Temple's foundation was its physical play on defense. The fact that the Owls won nine games with a shaky quarterback situation was testament to that. Seven starters return from that group, including end Adrian Robinson, who was named MAC Defensive Player of the Year after leading the conference with 13 sacks. He was joined on the all-league first team by safety Jaiquawn Jarrett, tackle Muhammad Wilkerson and linebacker Elijah Joseph.

THE NEXT BIG THING
NATE SMITH, LB

Al Golden calls Smith "the best pure football player" of his recruiting class, so chances are he'll find his way on the field eventually.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 MAC: 7-1
(lost to UCLA in the EagleBank Bowl, 30-21)

Coach: Al Golden, 5th year (19-30)
Career record: 19-30
Offensive coordinator: Matt Rhule (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Mark D'Onofrio (4th year)

Stadium: Lincoln Financial Field (68,532)
Tickets: 215-204-8499
Site: Philadelphia
Official athletic Web site: www.owlsports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.3	Villanova	24-27
S.11	Central Michigan	
S.18	Connecticut	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.25	@ PENN STATE	6-31

The Owls finally proved they could win in the MAC and it's time to show they can beat a quality BCS program on the road.

O.2	@ARMY	27-13
O.9	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O.16	Bowling Green	
O.23	@BUFFALO	37-13
O.30	Akron	56-17
N.6	@KENT STATE	47-13
N.16	Ohio	17-35
N.23	@MIAMI (Ohio)	34-32

BOWL PROJECTION
GMAC BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- The Owls have the MAC's most dynamic running back in Bernard Pierce.
- Coach Al Golden has recruited so well that Temple actually has depth now; 26 players are coming off redshirt seasons.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Chester Stewart (6-3, 214, Jr.)
RB	30	Bernard Pierce (6-0, 218, So.)
LOT	63	Derek Dennis (6-5, 325, Jr.)
LOG	76	Steve Caputo (6-5, 319, Jr.)
C	77	John Palumbo (6-6, 305, Jr.)
ROG	70	Colin Madison (6-4, 320, Sr.)
ROT	71	Darius Morris (6-4, 315, Sr.)
TE	89	Matt Balasavage (6-4, 256, Jr.)
WR	23	James Nixon (6-1, 188, Jr.)
WR	26	Joe Jones (5-11, 195, Jr.)
WR	84	Michael Campbell (6-2, 202, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	56	Amara Kamara (6-2, 235, Sr.)
LDT	96	Muhammad Wilkerson (6-5, 300, Jr.)
RDT	91	Elisha Joseph (6-3, 280, Sr.)
RDE	43	Adrian Robinson (6-2, 245, Jr.)
SLB	31	Tahir Whitehead (6-2, 225, Jr.)
MLB	40	Jordan Martin (6-3, 235, Sr.)
WLB	58	Elijah Joseph (6-2, 240, Sr.)
LCB	28	Marquise Liverpool (5-11, 190, Sr.)
RCB	37	Kevin Kroboth (6-0, 192, Jr.)
FS	5	Jaiquawn Jarrett (6-2, 197, Sr.)
SS	16	Maurice Jones (5-10, 192, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	19	Brandon McManus (6-3, 190, So.)
P	49	Jeff Wathne (6-2, 195, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Dante Weaver
DT, 6-2, 320
Weaver is stout against the run and will be a lane-clogger. The No. 11 prospect in New Jersey, he could play early.

2
Myron Ross
RB, 6-1, 205
Ross is a one-time Vanderbilt commitment who could turn out to be the biggest sleeper coming out of Pennsylvania.

3
Antonio Belt
WR, 6-0, 170
Belt, who had an offer from Maryland, is versatile and could be either a wide receiver or defensive back for the Owls.

4
Tyler Johnson
TE, 6-7, 240
Johnson is raw, but also one of the best-looking prospects in the country physically. He could play tight end or defensive end.

5
Deon Miller
WR, 6-6, 200
Miller is college-ready after spending a prep year at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia. He's a pure possession receiver.

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2 BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

Bowling Green is so young this season that second-year coach Dave Clawson might have to institute a naptime during training camp.

Out of 85 scholarship players, 44 have four years remaining, so Clawson will certainly miss wide receiver Freddie Barnes and quarterback Tyler Sheehan, who helped turn the underachieving Falcons into a Humanitarian Bowl team in 2009. Sheehan and Barnes are only two of 16 starters Clawson will need to replace because of graduation.

Tailback Willie Geter and offensive linemen Ben Bojicic and Tyler Donahue make up the returning offensive regulars, while defensive back Adrien Spencer and linemen Chris Jones, Angelo Magnone and Kevin Alvarado are the experienced starters back on defense.

Geter is the top returning offensive threat after rushing for 705 yards on 176 carries (9 TDs) in 2009.

Aaron Pankratz, Matt Schilz, Kellen Pagel and Caleb Watkins are the four quarterbacks in training camp competing for the spot left vacant by Sheehan, who was a three-year starter. Clawson says the job won't be decided until just before the Falcons' first game.

The competition at wide receiver also promises to be highly competitive this fall. Calvin Wiley and Tyrone Pronty, both fifth-year seniors, lead a deep and talented group that also includes Ray Hutson, Justice Jones, Adrian Hodges, Kamar Jorden and Jordan Hopgood.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	@TROY
S.11	@TULSA
S.18	Marshall

GAME TO WATCH

S.25 @MICHIGAN

A solid performance against the Wolverines could provide confidence for the next two conference games against Buffalo and Ohio.

O.2	Buffalo
O.9	@OHIO
O.16	@TEMPLE
O.23	Kent State
O.30	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN
N.10	Miami (Ohio)
N.17	@TOLEDO
N.26	Western Michigan

BOWL PROJECTION

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 MAC: 6-2
(lost to Idaho in the Humanitarian Bowl, 43-42)

Coach: Dave Clawson, 2nd year (7-6)
Career record: 7-6
Offensive coordinator: Warren Ruggiero (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Mike Elko (2nd year)

Stadium: Doyt L. Perry Stadium (23,529)
Tickets: 419-372-0000
Site: Bowling Green, Ohio
Official athletic Web site: www.bgsufalcons.com

3 OHIO BOBCATS

The Bobcats' giddy run to the East Division championship last year was an unlikely one, but an encore is expected this time around.

The core of the team returns for Ohio coach Frank Solich, who merely has to retool a few positions. If he's successful, matching last season's 9-5 mark is more than a realistic objective.

Dual-threat quarterback Theo Scott is gone, but senior Boo Jackson, who missed most of last season with a torn labrum, is more than a capable replacement.

When you consider that Solich is a disciple of Nebraska coaching legend Tom Osborne, it was surprising that the Bobcats had difficulty running the football in 2009. Ohio was 11th in the MAC in rushing and 10th in total offense—and leading rusher Chris Garrett is gone. Vince Davidson, Donte Harden and L.J. Flintall return, but they combined for only 581 yards last season.

The offensive line's leader, center David White, graduated, but five of the top seven linemen from last season return. The Bobcats must also replace receiver Taylor Price, who led the team with 56 receptions. But Ohio has plenty of depth on hand, as Lavon Brazil, Terrence McCrae, Steven Goulet and Riley Dunlop are all experienced.

The defense, led by linebacker Noah Keller, has its front four back intact. Linebackers Lee Renfro and Eric Ejike and cornerback Thad Turner have to be replaced, however.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	Wofford
S.11	Toledo

GAME TO WATCH

S.18 @OHIO STATE

The Bobcats should be 2-0 before this one and a good showing against the Buckeyes will help them carry some momentum into the MAC season.

S.25	@MARSHALL
O.2	@EASTERN MICHIGAN
O.9	Bowling Green
O.16	Akron
O.23	@MIAMI (Ohio)
O.30	Louisiana-Lafayette
N.4	Buffalo
N.16	@TEMPLE
N.26	@KENT STATE

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-5 MAC: 7-1
(lost to Marshall in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, 21-17)

Coach: Frank Solich, 6th year (32-31)
Career record: 90-50
Offensive coordinator: Tim Albin (6th year)
Defensive coordinator: Jimmy Burrow (6th year)

Stadium: Peden Stadium (24,000)
Tickets: 800-575-CATS
Site: Athens
Official athletic Web site: www.ohiobobcats.com

4 KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES

If not for some key injuries—the loss of tailback Eugene Jarvis was the most distressing—Kent State would have challenged for the East Division crown in 2009. But the Golden Flashes received some good news when Jarvis was granted a sixth year of eligibility after missing all but one game last season. Jarvis ranks fourth on Kent State's career rushing list with 3,426 yards, including a school single-season record of 1,669 yards in 2007, and is one of the best tailbacks in the league.

The return of Jarvis has expectations soaring, as the Flashes also return seven starters on defense, including linebacker Cobrani Mixon, who recorded 108 tackles and three sacks in '09 for a defense that allowed just 22.4 points per game.

If quarterback Spencer Keith is healthy after offseason shoulder surgery, then Kent State should be able to score points in bunches. The return of Jarvis, a formidable defense and depth at each position place pressure on coach Doug Martin and his staff. It's time for a breakthrough at Kent, or Martin runs the risk of looking for a new job by late December.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.2	Murray State
S.11	@BOSTON COLLEGE
S.18	@PENN STATE

GAME TO WATCH

O.2 @MIAMI (Ohio)

If the Golden Flashes want to be mentioned in the conversation for the East Division crown, getting off to a good start at Miami is pivotal.

O.9	Akron
O.16	@TOLEDO
O.23	@BOWLING GREEN
O.30	Ball State
N.6	Temple
N.13	Army
N.20	@WESTERN MICHIGAN
N.26	Ohio

Eugene Jarvis, RB

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 MAC: 4-4

Coach: Doug Martin, 7th year (24-46)
Career record: 24-46
Offensive coordinator: Doug Martin (7th year)
Defensive coordinator: Pete Rekstis (7th year)

Stadium: Dix Stadium (29,287)
Tickets: 330-672-2244
Site: Kent, Ohio
Official athletic Web site: www.kentstatesports.com

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5 BUFFALO BULLS

An era filled with wisps of joy and sadness ended when Turner Gill left Buffalo for Kansas. In just four seasons, Gill took the program from laughingstock to conference championship contender, so new coach Jeff Quinn has huge shoes to fill.

The Quinn era got off to a rocky start when starting quarterback Zach Maynard announced he was transferring to California, thus leaving the team with no experience under center. After playing second string last season, Jerry Davis begins the fall as the leading candidate to be the new signal-caller. Strong safety Davonte Shannon will be the leader of the defense.

Quinn will utilize a spread offense similar to the one he used as offensive coordinator under Brian Kelly at Cincinnati, and the Bulls are shifting to a no-huddle attack. The spread was part of Gill's multiple-offensive package the last four seasons, which should help some with the transition.

Quinn could, nevertheless, elect to run more often than pass-happy Cincinnati did last season because of the Bulls' depth at tailback. Quinn's motto of "Next Bull In" could be "Which Bull In?" in terms of his tailbacks. Senior Brandon Thermilus, who battled an ankle injury last season, will get the first crack.

The primary issue on defense is adjusting to a multiple front with a 3-4 base, but it helps to return Shannon and cornerback Dominique Cook, a pair of four-year starters, as well as senior linebacker Justin Winters.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.2	Rhode Island
S.11	@BAYLOR
S.18	UCF
S.25	@CONNECTICUT
O.2	@BOWLING GREEN
O.16	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS

GAME TO WATCH

O.23 Temple

The Bulls were blown out in Philadelphia last season, so revenge will certainly be on their minds. So will the chance to sneak into the East Division race.

O.30	Miami (Ohio)
N.4	@OHIO
N.12	Ball State
N.20	Eastern Michigan
N.26	@AKRON

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-1 MAC: 3-5

Coach: Jeff Quinn, 1st year

Offensive coordinator: Greg Forest (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: William Inge (1st year)

Stadium: University of Buffalo Stadium (29,013)
Tickets: 716-645-6666
Site: Buffalo, N.Y.
Official athletic Web site: www.buffalobills.com

6 AKRON ZIPS

At least first-year coach Rob Ianello doesn't have to rebuild the program completely. The former Notre Dame assistant welcomes back 56 lettermen, including 17 starters from last year's 3-9 team.

A seemingly bottomless pool of tailbacks got deeper in January when Alex Allen was granted a sixth year of eligibility. The return of Allen gives the Zips five of their top six rushers back for 2010.

The Zips do lack experience at receiver after losing four of their top five wideouts from last year, but standout Jeremy LaFrance is among the returnees. Akron should benefit from the return of 11 of its top 15 tacklers and top two quarterbacks.

Keep an eye on sophomore Patrick Nicely, who could emerge as the next great quarterback from this conference. He'll be pushed by Matt Rodgers, who suffered a season-ending injury last year, paving the way for Nicely to emerge under center. The Zips have scrapped the spread offense and are shifting to a pro-style attack and there are adjustments on defense from a 3-3-5 to a more traditional 4-3 defense.

A defensive line led by James Harvey, Hasan Hazmine and Almondo Sewell is one of the strengths of the team, but the Zips must improve their sack total after registering a paltry 11 in 2009.

Sophomore middle linebacker Brian Wagner is set to become a big-time player after recording a team-high 132 tackles in his freshman season.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT

GAME TO WATCH

S.4 Syracuse

The Zips open the season at home against a winnable opponent in the Orange, who are in Year 2 of a rebuilding project.

S.11	Gardner-Webb
S.18	@KENTUCKY
S.25	@INDIANA
O.2	Northern Illinois
O.9	@KENT STATE
O.16	@OHIO
O.23	Western Michigan
O.30	@TEMPLE
N.6	@BALL STATE
N.17	Miami (Ohio)
N.26	Buffalo

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-9 MAC: 2-6

Coach: Rob Ianello, 1st year

Offensive coordinator: John Latina (1st year)

Defensive coordinator: Curt Mallory (1st year)

Stadium: InfoCision Stadium (30,000)
Tickets: 888-99-AKRON
Site: Akron, Ohio
Official athletic Web site: www.gozips.com

7 MIAMI (OHIO) REDHAWKS

Mike Haywood will be watched closely in his second season in Oxford because his first as coach was rather unremarkable. The RedHawks were a wretched 1-11 last season and just 1-7 in the MAC. Fans want to see improvement quickly.

It helps that the RedHawks have more starters returning than anyone in the conference. There are 80 returnees and 51 lettermen back, so spring practice and training camp should be very competitive.

Haywood was forced to play younger players immediately, so the RedHawks' overall record wasn't surprising last year, but the hope is that they learned enough to help the program turn the corner. At least Miami has a major building block in sophomore quarterback Zac Dysert, who returns after playing in 11 games a year ago and passing for more than 2,600 yards. Dysert made great progress last season, and a similar leap will give this offense a much-needed confidence boost.

Senior tailback Thomas Merriweather, who ran the ball 23 times for 106 yards and a touchdown in the team's spring game, made significant strides during the offseason and could surprise.

The defense will be led by linebacker Jerrell Wedge and defensive back Anthony Kokal, the RedHawks' leading tackler in 2009. They should be the primary components of an improved unit.

Hayward expects several newcomers to contribute early, including three transfers: fullback Vince Helmuth (Michigan), linebacker C.J. Marck (Connecticut) and defensive end Jason Semmes (Iowa).

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	@FLORIDA

GAME TO WATCH

S.11 Eastern Michigan

The RedHawks have a challenging schedule overall and desperately need to beat the Eagles at home.

S.18	Colorado State
S.25	@MISSOURI
O.2	Kent State
O.9	@CINCINNATI
O.16	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN
O.23	Ohio
O.30	@BUFFALO
N.10	@BOWLING GREEN
N.17	@AKRON
N.23	Temple

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 1-11 MAC: 1-7

Coach: Mike Haywood, 2nd year (1-11)
Career record: 1-11
Offensive coordinator: Morris Watts (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Carl Reese (2nd year)

Stadium: Yager Stadium (24,286)
Tickets: 866-MUHAWKS
Site: Oxford, Ohio
Official athletic Web site: www.muredhawks.com

NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES 1

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	@IOWA STATE	
S.11	North Dakota	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	@ILLINOIS	
The Huskies had this date circled as soon as the game was announced.		
S.25	@MINNESOTA	
O.2	@AKRON	27-10
O.9	Temple	
O.16	Buffalo	
O.23	Central Michigan	31-45
O.30	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	38-3
N.9	Toledo	19-20
N.20	@BALL STATE	26-20
N.26	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	50-6

BOWL PROJECTION

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Much is expected of coach Jerry Kill in his third year in DeKalb.
- Four of the first give games are on the road, with three of them at Big Ten opponents.
- The defense should be the MAC's best.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

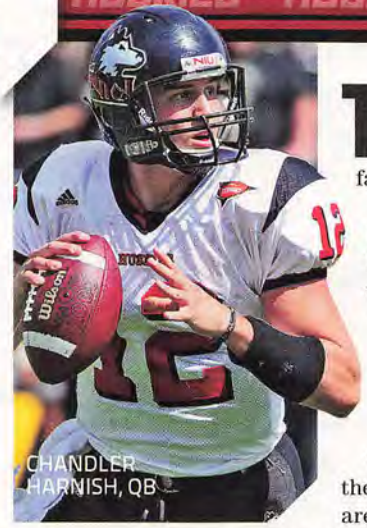
QB	12	Chandler Harnish (6-2, 219, Jr.)
FB	34	Kyle Skarb (6-2, 226, Sr.)
RB	28	Chad Spann (5-9, 198, Sr.)
LOT	62	Trevor Olson (6-6, 306, Jr.)
LOG	72	Joe Pawlak (6-5, 301, Jr.)
C	79	Matt Krempel (6-4, 296, Fr.)
ROG	74	Adam Kiel (6-5, 308, Jr.)
ROT	60	Ed Jackson (6-3, 314, Sr.)
TE	88	Nick Groeniger (6-5, 248, Sr.)
WR	80	Landon Cox (6-3, 220, Sr.)
WR	10	Willie Clark (6-1, 206, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	90	Alan Baxter (6-0, 259, So.)
NG	58	Mike Krause (6-4, 266, Sr.)
DT	98	D.J. Pirkle (6-0, 283, Sr.)
RDE	95	Sean Progar (6-3, 255, So.)
SLB	37	Alex Kube (6-0, 228, Sr.)
MLB	53	Pat Schiller (6-2, 231, Jr.)
WLB	29	Jordan Delegal (6-1, 209, Jr.)
LCB	5	Chris Smith (5-10, 186, Sr.)
RCB	33	Patrick George (5-11, 196, Sr.)
FS	25	Tracy Wilson (6-2, 203, Jr.)
SS	38	Mike Sobol (6-0, 203, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	52	Alex Faust (6-5, 217, So.)
P	49	Josh Wilber (5-11, 237, Sr.)



CHANDLER HARNISH, QB

The Jerry Kill era at Northern Illinois is looking more and more promising. Kill has led the Huskies to back-to-back bowl games, and his team is one of the favorites to win the league this year.

Now, the next step is reaching the heights of the Joe Novak era, which included national rankings and multiple NIU players in the NFL. There are still some in DeKalb who aren't convinced Kill and the Huskies can take that next step.

Despite beating Purdue last season, critics have noted that the Huskies have yet to beat a winning team or compete for the MAC West Division championship.

"Sometimes we didn't concentrate very well and we weren't very consistent last year," Kill says. "After the work the players have put in over the offseason, we are better than we were at the end of (last) season."

Before spring practice started, the Huskies were dealt two key blows when defensive end Jake Coffman decided not to return and tailback Me'co Brown withdrew from school for personal reasons. In two seasons, Brown rushed for 1,155 yards and started 14 games.

Still, expectations are high at Northern Illinois. There are more than enough weapons on offense to win and, with Central Michigan moving on without Dan LeFevour, the target is squarely on Northern Illinois in the MAC West.

Eight starters return on offense, including potent tailback Chad Spann and quarterback Chandler Harnish, while nine starters are back on defense.

Harnish, who has started 17 games at quarterback over the last two seasons, did not participate in spring practices while recuperating from knee surgery. If things go badly with his recovery, redshirt junior DeMarcus Grady, who started five games and has seen action in 14 contests over the last two seasons, will be on deck, with redshirt freshmen Jordan Lynch and A.J. Hill waiting in the wings.

Spann and standout defensive tackle D.J. Pirkle, who had shoulder surgery in January, also missed spring practice but should be ready by the fall.

"I'm not worried about seeing what Chad or D.J. can do," Kill says. "We know what they are capable of."

The Huskies lost eight starters—seven on offense and defense and kicker Mike Salerno—off of last year's squad and return 18 players, including 10 defenders, who have started at least seven games over the last two seasons. For the second straight season, Northern Illinois finished No. 1 in total defense among MAC schools in 2009.

The schedule isn't kind. Northern will play four of its first five games away and close the regular season with back-to-back road contests.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 MAC: 5-3
(lost to South Florida in the International Bowl, 27-3)

Coach: Jerry Kill, 3rd year (13-13)
Career record: 13-13
Offensive coordinator: Matt Limegrover (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Tracy Claeys (3rd year)

Stadium: Huskie Stadium (24,000)
Tickets: 815-752-6800
Site: DeKalb
Official athletic Web site: www.niuhuskies.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Jasmin Hopkins
RB, 5-7, 185
One of the top junior college running backs last year, Hopkins should be an immediate weapon in the Huskies' run-heavy offense.

2 — Jamaal Bass
LB, 5-11, 189
Bass leads a very strong group of linebacker commitments. He helped Miramar win the Florida 6A championship in 2009.

3 — Mike Hellams
LB, 6-1, 220
Hellams was the top in-state prep commitment for the Huskies. If not for a preseason injury, he would have had major BCS offers.

4 — Frank Boenzi
DT, 6-3, 290
Boenzi is a big and intense interior defensive lineman who goes by the nickname "Frank the Tank."

5 — Da'Ron Brown
ATH, 6-1, 180
An accomplished dual-threat quarterback in high school, Brown has the athleticism to be a standout receiver for the Huskies.

THE NEXT BIG THING
CAMERON STINGILY, LB

At 6-2 and 240 pounds, Stingily has good size and the speed to eventually move into the starting lineup this season as a true freshman.

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2 CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

First-year coach Dan Enos has some big shoes to fill. Butch Jones replaced Brian Kelly and the tradition of winning conference championships and earning bowl bids didn't stop. Now it's Enos' turn to see if he can keep the program purring.

Enos and Central Michigan must carry on without Dan LeFevour, the best player in school history and one of the best quarterbacks to ever play in the MAC. Junior Derek Rifenbury, sophomore Ryan Radcliff and redshirt freshman A.J. Westendorp are the three returning quarterbacks on the Chippewas' roster, but only Radcliff has attempted a pass. He was 10-for-21 for 115 yards and two interceptions (and a rushing TD) in a backup role in 2009.

The Chippewas won't have the same firepower on offense this year after losing LeFevour, wide receiver/returner Antonio Brown and wide receiver Bryan Anderson, but Enos hopes his squad becomes more balanced.

Defense will be the Chippewas' strength. The unit returns two of the top linebackers in the MAC in seniors Nick Bellore and Matt Berning.

Bellore enters 2010 with 382 career tackles, seventh most in school history. He's 108 tackles shy of Brian Leigeb's school record of 490. Bellore has made at least 100 tackles in each of his first three seasons.

Berning made a career-high 108 tackles in 2009. He ranked second on the team in total tackles and third in tackles for loss (8.5). Because of CMU's speed on the edges, Enos plans to implement more blitz packages.

If Enos finds an answer for LeFevour, there's enough weapons to go around to keep the things rolling in Mount Pleasant.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Hampton	
S.11	@TEMPLE	
S.18	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	56-8
S.25	@NORTHWESTERN	
O.2	Ball State	35-3
O.9	@VIRGINIA TECH	
O.16	Miami (Ohio)	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.23	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	45-31

Can the Chippewas repeat as West Division champs? This game will go a long way in determining the answer.

O.30	Bowling Green	24-10
N.5	Western Michigan	34-23
N.13	@NAVY	
N.26	@TOLEDO	56-28

BOWL PROJECTION

EAGLEBANK BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 12-2 MAC: 8-0
(beat Troy in the GMAC Bowl, 44-41)

Coach: Dan Enos, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Mike Cummings (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Joe Tumpkin (1st year)

Stadium: Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)
Tickets: 989-774-3045
Site: Mount Pleasant
Official athletic Web site: www.cmuchippewas.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	8	Ryan Radcliff (6-2, 202, So.)
RB	6	Paris Cotton (5-9, 188, Jr.)
LOT	73	Jake Olson (6-8, 282, So.)
LOG	66	Jeff Maddux (6-5, 315, Sr.)
C	63	Colin Miller (6-3, 292, Sr.)
ROG	65	Darren Keyton (6-3, 298, So.)
ROT	78	Rocky Weaver (6-6, 272, Jr.)
TE	82	David Blackburn (6-3, 233, Jr.)
WR	1	Kito Poblah (6-2, 203, Sr.)
WR	11	Cody Wilson (5-10, 182, So.)
WR	25	Sean Skergan (6-1, 203, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	56	Kashawn Fraser (6-3, 226, Jr.)
LDT	54	Sean Murnane (6-1, 266, Sr.)
RDT	94	John Williams (6-0, 280, Jr.)
RDE	99	Caesar Rodriguez (6-2, 224, So.)
SLB	46	Matt Berning (6-0, 232, Sr.)
MLB	43	Nick Bellore (6-1, 241, Sr.)
WLB	33	Mike Petrucci (6-2, 235, Jr.)
LCB	4	Jahleel Addae (5-9, 193, So.)
RCB	22	Vince Agnew (5-10, 198, Sr.)
FS	9	Bobby Seay (5-11, 186, Sr.)
SS	44	Dannie Bolden (5-11, 197, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	99	Richie Hogan (6-1, 190, Fr.)
P	96	Brett Hartmann (6-4, 229, Sr.)

3 TOLEDO ROCKETS

The foundation of Tim Beckman's program at Toledo will be built on defense, and Beckman, a longtime defensive coordinator at Bowling Green and Oklahoma State, devoted his attention to that unit during the offseason.

Toledo lost five defensive starters from 2009, including four-time All-MAC safety Barry Church. But 23 lettermen return on defense, including three in the secondary who started as true freshmen.

Beckman has focused intently on the defensive line, where the Toledo was weak last season. The Rockets redshirted five defensive linemen who are expected to play immediately, giving the team six candidates at tackle and seven at end. Senior Alex Johnson and sophomore T.J. Fatinikun are the best candidates at end.

Toledo also has to find a new quarterback. Aaron Opelt took the bulk of the snaps the last four seasons, so there wasn't a lot of experience gained backing him up. Sophomore Austin Dantin is the likely leader in the competition, but junior Alex Pettee and sophomore David Pasquale will make things interesting during training camp.

Of all the issues on Beckman's to-do list, offensive line isn't one of them. The Rockets return four players up front who started all 12 games in 2009, including junior standout center Kevin Kowalski.

Wide receiver Steven Williams has graduated, leaving a huge void. Do-everything wideout Eric Page assumes the lead role, but junior Kenny Stafford, sophomore Julian Bellinger and junior Tim Cortazzo are all capable playmakers.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.3	Arizona	
S.11	@OHIO	
S.18	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	26-58
S.25	@PURDUE	31-52
O.2	Wyoming	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	@BOISE STATE	

There's nothing like a test against arguably the best non-BCS program in the country.

O.16	Kent State	
O.23	Ball State	37-30
O.30	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	47-21
N.9	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	20-19
N.17	Bowling Green	24-38
N.26	Central Michigan	28-56

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 MAC: 4-4

Coach: Tim Beckman, 2nd year (5-7)
Career record: 5-7
Offensive coordinator: Matt Campbell (2nd year)
Defensive coordinators: Mike Ward (2nd year), Paul Nichols (2nd year)

Stadium: Glass Stadium (26,248)
Tickets: 419-530-GOLD
Site: Toledo, Ohio
Official athletic Web site: www.utrockets.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	4	Austin Dantin (6-2, 189, So.)
RB	23	Morgan Williams (5-11, 197, Jr.)
LOT	74	Mike VanDerMeulen (6-7, 304, Jr.)
LOG	78	Phillip Manley (6-5, 309, Jr.)
C	69	Kevin Kowalski (6-4, 299, Sr.)
ROG	65	Nate Cole (6-2, 306, Sr.)
ROT	70	John Morookian (6-5, 301, Jr.)
TE	86	Danny Noble (6-5, 233, Jr.)
WR	7	Kenny Stafford (6-4, 204, Jr.)
WR	26	Jimmy Davidson (6-4, 201, So.)
WR	12	Eric Page (5-10, 171, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	40	Alex Johnson (6-2, 259, Sr.)
LDT	52	Johnathan Lamb (6-4, 272, Jr.)
RDT	97	Malcolm Riley (6-3, 281, Jr.)
RDE	58	Douglas Westbrook (6-3, 233, Sr.)
SLB	45	Isaiah Ballard (5-11, 210, Jr.)
MLB	32	Dan Molls (6-1, 222, So.)
WLB	42	Archie Donald (6-2, 244, Sr.)
LCB	5	Daxton Swanson (5-10, 180, So.)
RCB	26	Byron Best (5-9, 197, So.)
FS	29	Jermaine Robinson (6-3, 188, So.)
SS	43	Mark Singer (6-1, 194, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	3	Ryan Casano (5-10, 178, Jr.)
P	2	Bill Claus (6-0, 189, Jr.)

4 WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

There were few worries offensively when Tim Hiller was under center, but now he's gone so nearly everyone at Western Michigan is a bit panicky.

Drew Burdi, a fifth-year senior, and Alex Carder, a redshirt freshman, are dual-threat quarterbacks and the top candidates to replace him. Carder was the backup last season, while Burdi was No. 3. Redshirt freshman Tyler VanTubbergen has a big arm, but he has yet to take a collegiate snap.

Burdi was in a competition with Hiller and Thomas Peregrin in 2007, and penciled in as a starter for a while, but his play was uneven and he eventually lost out to Hiller.

Whoever wins the job should be well protected by right tackle Dann O'Neil, a transfer from Michigan. The defense took a step back last season and the recruiting efforts focused on linemen and the secondary.

Coach Bill Cubit also shook up his defensive coaching staff, letting coordinator Steve Morrison go and bringing in former Hofstra head coach Dave Cohen to replace him.

The defensive line also needs help, so they turned to John Rice, a junior college transfer who's the nephew of NFL Hall of Famer Jerry Rice. He and freshman Travonte Boles are expected to provide great help on the interior.

There's some experience at tailback with Aaron Winchester. He'll get a chance to win the starting job now that Brandon West is gone.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	@MICHIGAN STATE
S.11	Nicholls State
S.18	Toledo
O.2	Idaho
O.9	@BALL STATE
O.16	@NOTRE DAME
O.23	@AKRON
GAME TO WATCH	
O.30	**Northern Illinois**

A vast majority of the Broncos' key games are in Kalamazoo, including this one against the Huskies. It's a game that could determine the West.

N.5	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN
N.13	Eastern Michigan
N.20	Kent State
N.26	@BOWLING GREEN

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 MAC: 4-4

Coach: Bill Cubit, 6th year (34-27)
Career record: 34-27
Offensive coordinator: Bill Cubit (6th year)
Defensive coordinator: Dave Cohen (1st year)

Stadium: Waldo Stadium (30,200)
Tickets: 269-387-8092
Site: Kalamazoo
Official athletic Web site: www.wmubroncos.com

5 BALL STATE CARDINALS

A year after finishing the regular season unbeaten, Ball State slipped to 2-10 in 2009, one of the worst seasons in school history.

To second-year coach Stan Parrish, it comes down to playing with more consistency. The passing game was atrocious for much of the season, forcing the Cardinals to pound the ball at opponents on the ground. The strong running game remains intact and, along with Buffalo, Ball State has arguably the deepest tailback collection in the league.

Senior MiQuale Lewis, who was granted a fifth season of eligibility to accommodate for time lost due to an injury in 2007, is the most experienced player in the backfield. He holds school records for rushing yards in a season (1,736) and game (301), and needs 666 yards in 2010 to become the 13th player in league history to rush for 4,000 career yards.

The biggest question mark coming into the season is at quarterback. Will the Cardinals go with Kelly Page, who started seven games last year before being injured, or redshirt freshman Aaron Mershman? And don't forget about true freshman Keith Wenning, who comes in with impressive credentials.

The Cardinals' linebackers are the key to the team's success on defense. Davyd Jones led Ball State in tackles (100) last year and middle linebacker Travis Freeman was second with 93. Free safety Sean Baker is a superb playmaker.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.2	Southeast Missouri State
S.11	Liberty
S.18	@PURDUE
S.25	@IOWA
O.2	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN
GAME TO WATCH	
O.9	**Western Michigan**

The Cardinals have a tough three-game road stretch against Purdue, Iowa and Central before returning home to face the Broncos.

O.16	Eastern Michigan
O.23	@TOLEDO
O.30	@KENT STATE
N.6	Akron
N.12	@BUFFALO
N.20	Northern Illinois

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 2-10 MAC: 2-6

Coach: Stan Parrish, 2nd year (2-11)
Career record: 4-42-1
Offensive coordinator: Eddie Faulkner (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Jay Hood (1st year)

Stadium: Scheumann Stadium (22,500)
Tickets: 765-285-1474
Site: Muncie, Ind.
Official athletic Web site: www.ballstatesports.com

6 EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

When Ron English took over last season, there was talk of changing the program's forlorn culture, but he also warned that the process would take time.

Still, no one envisioned an 0-12 debut. This time around, the players should be more comfortable in English's system.

They have an exciting player behind center in sophomore Alex Gillett, who was pressed into service as a true freshman when an injury ended the career of Andy Schmitt. A threat to create plays with his arm and his legs, Gillett's competition in training camp will be redshirt freshman Devonte Payne, who offers more athleticism.

The defensive line may be one of the deepest areas on the team, with seven lettermen returning. Junior defensive end Javon Reese was second on the team in tackles for loss with nine last year, while run-stuffing senior tackle Ryan Leonard was third in that department with 7.5.

Junior tackle Brandon Slater had 31 tackles while junior end Brad Ohrman recorded 19 stops. Andy Mulumba saw action at linebacker as a true freshman in 2009 but was moved to defensive end during the spring.

The linebacking corps will be manned by a seven-player committee led by seniors Tim Fort, Neal Howey and Nate Paopao. It will be difficult to replace graduated Andre Hatchett, who led the team in tackles last year with 113 at his linebacker spot.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	Army
S.11	@MIAMI (Ohio)
S.18	Central Michigan
GAME TO WATCH	
S.25	**@ OHIO STATE**

Second-year coach Ron English, a former Michigan assistant, hopes for a good showing against the Buckeyes.

O.2	Ohio
O.9	@VANDERBILT
O.16	@BALL STATE
O.23	@VIRGINIA
O.30	Toledo
N.13	@WESTERN MICHIGAN
N.20	@BUFFALO
N.26	Northern Illinois

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 0-12 MAC: 0-8

Coach: Ron English, 2nd year (0-12)
Career record: 0-12
Offensive coordinator: Ken Karcher (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Phil Snow (1st year)

Stadium: Rynearson Stadium (30,200)
Tickets: 734-487-2282
Site: Ypsilanti
Official athletic Web site: www.emueagles.com

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

PAC-10

STOCK REPORT ↑ UP ↓ DOWN ↔ STEADY

1 ↔ Oregon
2 ↑ Oregon State
3 ↔ USC
4 ↑ Washington
5 ↑ Arizona
6 ↔ UCLA
7 ↑ Stanford
8 ↓ California
9 ↓ Arizona State
10 ↓ Washington State

RATING THE PAC-10

Fastest Receiver
Chris Owusu, Stanford

Best Hands
Jeff Maehl, WR, Oregon

Best Passing QB
Andrew Luck, Stanford

Best Running QB
Jake Locker, Washington

Most Elusive RB
LaMichael James, Oregon

Best Instincts
Andrew Luck, QB, Stanford

Best Athlete
Jake Locker, QB, Washington

Best Under Pressure
Jacquizz Rodgers, RB, Oregon State

Top NFL Prospect
Jake Locker, QB, Washington

Top Impact Freshman
Chris Martin, OLB, California

Hardest Hitter
Stephen Paea, DT, Oregon State

Biggest Underachiever
Darian Hagan, CB, California

Best Interview
Rick Neuheisel, UCLA

Best Coach
Mike Riley, Oregon State

Best Recruiter
Rick Neuheisel, UCLA

Worst Road Trip
Washington State

After offseason of discontent, questions abound at the top

By Jon Wilner, *San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News*

There was a lot of offseason turmoil in the Pac-10, yet the path to the league championship is ready for the taking.

But who will step up?

With Oregon quarterback Jeremiah Masoli suspended for the season, USC probably would have been the favorite, but only if Pete Carroll had stuck around. And Lane Kiffin is so full of surprises, it's hard to tell how he will handle the assignment.

On the other hand, Carroll has left for the NFL, making Oregon the favorite … if Masoli were around to operate the spread option. The Ducks have replacements, but are they up to the challenge?

Without Carroll and Masoli, the race is wide open, as a handful of teams possess realistic designs on the title.

That group includes defending champion Oregon and USC, which has won seven of the past eight titles. But the front door is also open for Oregon State, Arizona and Washington.

With its spotty defense, Washington would seem to have no chance—except it boasts quarterback Jake Locker, the best player in the league at the most important position.

Arizona also has issues defensively but welcomes 10 starters back on its high-powered offense. USC has the most talented roster despite questions at numerous positions and on the sideline.

Stanford seemingly has everything needed for a run at the title, so long as it finds a steady ground game. Oregon State's in great shape everywhere but QB, just like its archrival in Eugene.

That's what makes the race so difficult to project: The teams with the best combination of talent and experience are the teams with the biggest unknowns at quarterback.

Only one team in the past 15 years has won the conference title with a first-time starter at quarterback, and that team (USC in 2003) had Reggie Bush and LenDale White in the backfield helping a rookie signal-caller named Matt Leinart.

Not since 2000—before USC's rise under Carroll—has there been a three-team tie at the top of the standings. But because of Carroll's departure and Masoli's downfall, we could see it again in 2010.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Adam Gorney, *Rivals.com*

1. USC The nation's best class is headlined by five five-star prospects—including the nation's second-best player in offensive tackle Seantrel Henderson.

2. UCLA Landing five-star defensive end Owamagbe Odighizuwa on signing day was a big finish in a solid class.

3. CAL The Golden Bears' group is led by five-star defensive end Chris Martin and five-star defensive back Keenan Allen.

4. OREGON The Ducks signed highly touted Texas recruit Lache Seastrunk, while landing four-star defensive tackle Ricky Heimuli was a big surprise.

5. STANFORD Defensive end Blake Lueders switched from Notre Dame, and QB Brett Nottingham is a former UCLA commit.

6. WASHINGTON Four four-star prospects from California signed with the Huskies, including defensive back Sean Parker.

7. ARIZONA STATE Massive offensive lineman Brice Schwab decommitted from USC after Pete Carroll left for Seattle.

8. ARIZONA The Wildcats went the junior college route for two of their top prospects: LB Derek Earls and DT Willie Mobley.

9. OREGON STATE Quarterback Sean Mannion, LB Shaydon Akuna and DT Thomas Molesi, all four-star recruits, lead the group.

10. WASHINGTON STATE The Cougars signed five wideouts as they look to rebuild a stagnant offense.

ALL-PAC-10

OFFENSE

QB Jake Locker, Sr., Washington
RB Jacquizz Rodgers, Jr., Oregon State
RB LaMichael James, So., Oregon
OL Chase Beeler, Sr., Stanford
OL Colin Baxter, Sr., Arizona
OL Tyron Smith, Jr., USC
OL Bo Thran, Sr., Oregon
OL Butch Lewis, Sr., USC
TE Anthony Miller, Jr., California
WR Jermaine Kearse, Jr., Washington
WR James Rodgers, Sr., Oregon State

DEFENSE

DL Stephen Paea, Sr., Oregon State
DL Kenny Rowe, Sr., Oregon
DL Jurrell Casey, Jr., USC
DL Sione Fua, Sr., Stanford
LB Casey Matthews, Sr., Oregon
LB Vontaze Burfict, So., Arizona State
LB Akeem Ayers, Jr., UCLA
DB Shareece Wright, Sr., USC
DB Trevin Wade, Jr., Arizona
DB Rahim Moore, Jr., UCLA
DB Sean Cattouse, Jr., California

SPECIALISTS

K Kai Forbath, Sr., UCLA
P Bryan Anger, Jr., California

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1 Coach Lane Kiffin of USC will offend at least one opposing team (or coach) with a critical or sarcastic comment. The betting favorite: UCLA. And, yes, coach Rick Neuheisel will gladly take the bait.

2 This will be quarterback Andrew Luck's final season at Stanford. The redshirt sophomore will be draft-eligible next spring and a lock to go in the top 10.

3 No team will finish the season ranked in the top 10 of the *Associated Press* poll. There's too much parity, and the nonconference schedules are too tough.

4 Washington State will win a conference game. The Cougars have done it only once in the past two seasons—and that was against winless Washington in 2008.

ASCENDING

WASHINGTON The Huskies won five games last year and should top that total this season with one of the most dynamic offenses in the conference. If the defense solidifies early, they could win as many as eight games.

DESCENDING

CAL Once considered the league's No. 2 program behind USC, the Bears will be hard-pressed to match last year's eight wins with a wobbly passing game and concerns throughout the defense.

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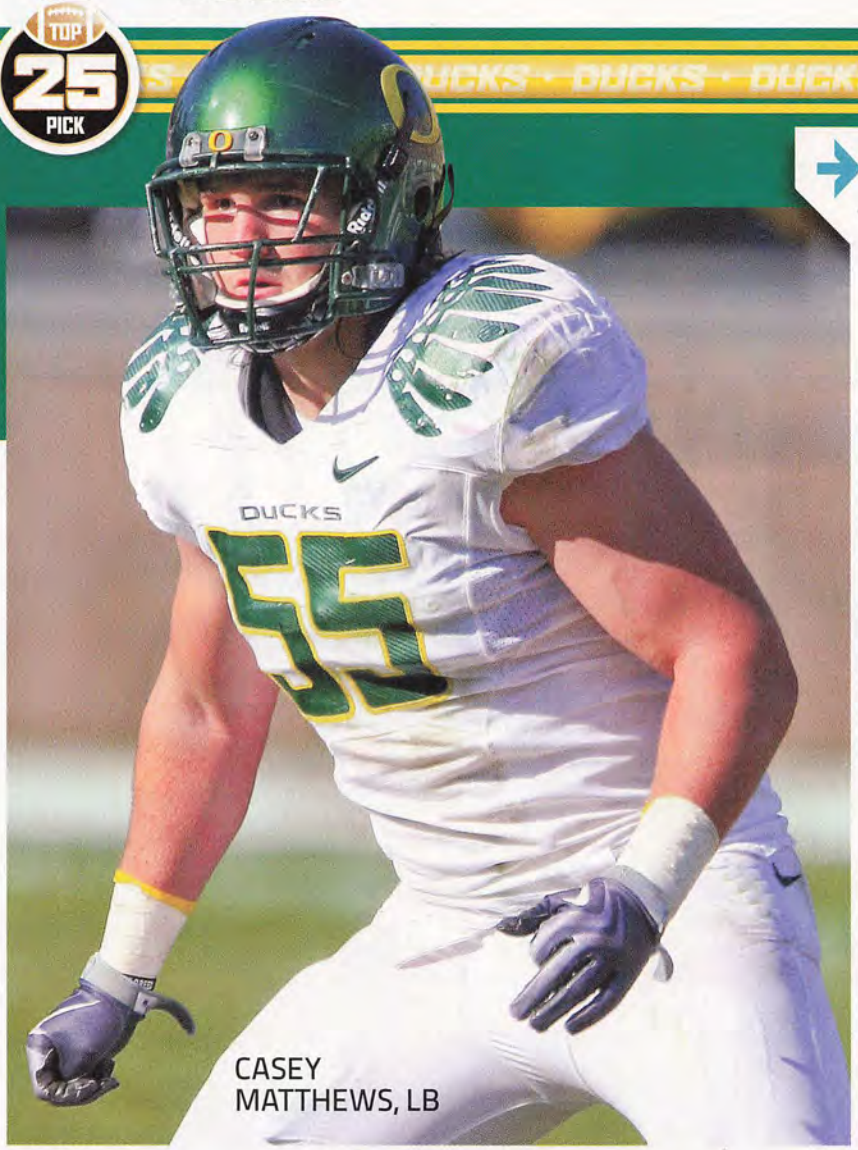
1 OREGON DUCKS

TOP 25 PICK



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BULLET POINTS

- What toll, if any, did the offseason problems take on Oregon's preparation?
- Either Darron Thomas or Nate Costa must provide stability at quarterback.
- The defense should be one of the league's best, especially at linebacker.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	New Mexico	
S.11	@TENNESSEE	
S.18	Portland State	
S.25	@ARIZONA STATE	44-21
O.2	Stanford	42-51
O.9	@WASHINGTON STATE	52-6
O.21	UCLA	24-10
O.30	@USC	47-20
N.6	Washington	43-19
N.13	@CALIFORNIA	42-3
N.26	Arizona	44-41 (OT)

GAME TO WATCH

D.4 @ OREGON STATE 37-33

The Civil War has become the biggest game in the Pac-10. The 2010 version should be no different, with plenty at stake for both teams.

BOWL PROJECTION

ROSE BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING

KENJON BARNER, RB

The sophomore (366 rushing yards in '09) has the potential to be this year's LaMichael James, a second-string running back who's as good as the starter.

That's right. Despite everything, the pick is Oregon, which should indicate how much talent the Ducks have—and just how big a favorite they would have been with Jeremiah Masoli under center.

They would have been prohibitive favorites the way USC was the prohibitive favorite for so many years.

They would have been a top five team nationally, a contender for the BCS title and the possessor of one of the most lethal offenses in the land.

Instead, after the winter of their malcontent, the Ducks have a narrow advantage (on paper) over their closest competitors. They're in that murky realm where a handful of plays could be the difference between first place and fourth.

The two questions that hover above everything are whether the new quarterbacks are capable of running the spread option effectively, and what impact the offseason tumult will have on the Ducks' focus and preparation.

Let's take the second question first.

Many coaches believe championships are won from January through July, when chemistry, leadership and conditioning are established. Given the embarrassing series of arrests, suspensions and court appearances, it is difficult to imagine the Ducks made the most of their winter.

But the Ducks' offseason shenanigans only matter if the quarterback replacements are busts. If either Nate Costa or Darron Thomas is capable of running the offense effectively, then Oregon could roll to the league title despite the winter mayhem.

If neither quarterback is up to the necessary standard, then the impact of the offseason distractions gets magnified and a mediocre season could result.

It's not like the Ducks get a break in their schedule. They play at Tennessee

STEVE BEYER

in Week 2 and pay a visit to Berkeley later in the season, where they haven't won since 2001. Oregon must also play its chief rivals—USC and Oregon State—on the road in order to win the Pac-10.

Despite a schedule that carries such a limited margin for error and so many challenges for the new quarterbacks, the guess here is that Costa and Thomas are productive enough to keep the Ducks on top.

A committee of Costa and Thomas makes the most sense, as it is unlikely that one of them will replace Masoli and hold the job for three months.

And don't be surprised if coach Chip Kelly uses a rotation throughout the season. Costa, a senior coming off multiple knee injuries, is more experienced and a more precise passer. But Thomas is a superb athlete who will thrive in the spread option once he learns the nuances.

For both quarterbacks, the keys will be avoiding mistakes and distributing the ball to Oregon's sensational array of playmakers.

Topping the list is sophomore tailback LaMichael James, who was born for the spread and rushed for 1,546 yards last season despite limited opportunity early. Behind James is the gifted Kenjon Barner, who averaged a slick six yards per carry in '09.

The aerial attack won't have the services of tight end Ed Dickson (42 catches), but starting receivers D.J. Davis, Jeff Maehl and Lavasier Tuinei are back. They combined for 100 receptions last season.

The offensive line should be the league's finest with all five starters returning. Having James in the backfield doesn't hurt. But the experience of left tackle Bo Thran & Co. is the primary reason there's so much optimism among the Duck faithful, despite the lack of experience at quarterback.

If anything, Oregon has more proven playmakers on defense than it does on offense.

The core of the line is comprised of tackles Brandon Bair and Zac Clark and pass-rushing end Kenny Rowe, who led the conference with 11.5 sacks last season. The coaches are optimistic that either Terrell Turner or converted receiver Dion Jordan (6-7) will help offset the departure of end Will Tukuafu.

The Ducks are loaded at linebacker with Spencer Paysinger and Casey Matthews (162 combined tackles). In fact, the team is so loaded, it moved starter Eddie Pleasant to safety and reserve Brandon Hanna to defensive end. Either Bryson Littlejohn or Josh Kaddu will slide in for Pleasant.

All four starters are back in the secondary, plus Pleasant, meaning this should be one of the stingiest units in the conference. This group is more than capable of playing press coverage if defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti chooses that approach against the league's high-powered offenses.

There are questions in the kicking game, where Rob Beard is set to take over for Morgan Flint. Beard was involved in one of the offseason incidents and, like James, has been suspended for the first game.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Ducks made waves again nationally when they reeled in five-star running back **Lache Seastrunk** and landed *Rivals* 100 defensive tackle **Ricky Heimuli** on signing day. Landing Heimuli was one of the biggest surprises.

This Oregon class is full of other potential stars. Running back **Dontae Williams**, tight end **Curtis White**, athlete **Keanon Lowe** and offensive tackle **Ryan Clanton** are major recruits who rank as four-star players. The Ducks also have one of the best offensive line classes in the conference, led by **Nick Rowland** and **Hroniss Grasu**. Cornerback **Dior Mathis** from Detroit Cass Tech brings toughness.

—Adam Gorney, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-3 PAC-10: 8-1
(lost to Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, 26-17)

Coach: Chip Kelly, 2nd year (10-3)
Career record: 10-3 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator: Mark Helfrich (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Nick Aliotti (13th year)

Stadium: Autzen Stadium (54,000)
Tickets: 800-WEB-FOOT
Site: Eugene
Official athletic Web site: www.goducks.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Nate Costa	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	12	114.7	20-33-1	60.6	197	1	16.4

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
LaMichael James	13	230	1546	6.7	14	118.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jeff Maehl	13	53	696	13.1	6	53.5

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
John Boyett	13	62	28	90

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Kenny Rowe	13	11.5	63

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Talmadge Jackson	4	73	18.3	1

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	64	Max Forer (6-3, 267, Sr.)
ROG	79	Mark Asper (6-7, 323, Jr.)
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ROT	68	C.E. Kaiser (6-4, 300, Sr.)
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	62	Nick Musgrove (6-1, 224, Jr.)
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	93	Anthony Anderson (6-5, 206, Fr.)
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	92	Wade Keliikipi (6-2, 282, Fr.)
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	8	Brian Butterfield (6-0, 187, Sr.)
RCB	6	Walter Thurmond (6-0, 180, Sr.)
	37	Talmadge Jackson (5-10, 182, Sr.)
FS	2	T.J. Ward (5-11, 201, Sr.)
	14	Javes Lewis (6-1, 185, Jr.)
SS	1	Marvin Johnson (5-11, 200, Sr.)
	27	Titus Jackson (6-0, 192, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	93	Rob Beard (6-0, 220, So.)
P	49	Jackson Rice (6-3, 217, So.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

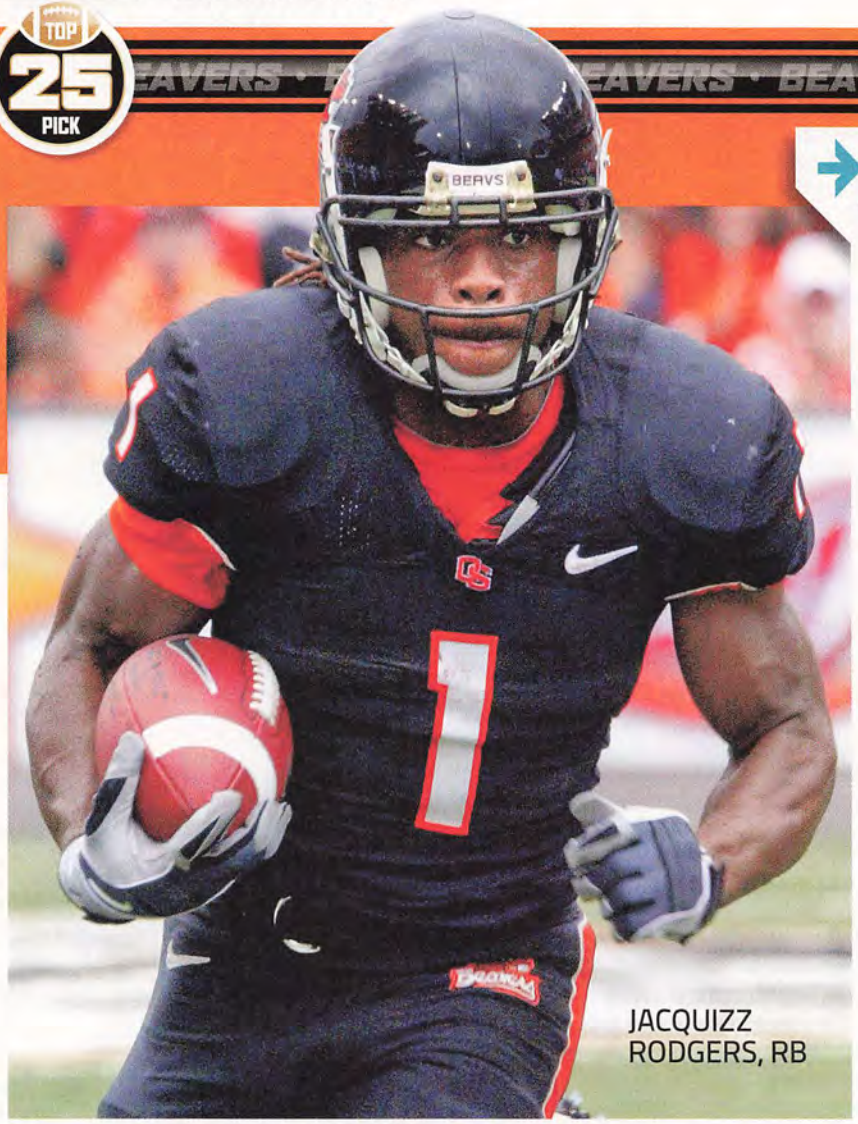
TEAM STATISTICS	OREGON	OPP
SCORING	469	309
Points Per Game	36.1	23.8
FIRST DOWNS	263	239
Rushing	147	86
Passing	102	128
Penalty	14	25
RUSHING YARDAGE	3012	1673
Yards gained rushing	3335	1997
Yards lost rushing	323	324
Rushing Attempts	547	497
Average Per Rush	5.5	3.4
Average Per Game	231.7	128.7
TDs Rushing	38	15
PASSING YARDAGE	2344	2699
Att-Comp-Int	197-338-7	254-456-14
Average Per Pass	6.9	5.9
Average Per Catch	11.9	10.6
Average Per Game	180.3	207.6
TDs Passing	16	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	5356	4372
Total Plays	885	953
Average Per Play	6.1	4.6
Average Per Game	412.0	336.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	56-1395	75-1564
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	28-336	30-205
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	14-159	7-63

TEAM STATISTICS	OREGON	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	24.9	20.9
PUNT RETURN AVG.	12.0	6.8
INT RETURN AVG.	11.4	9.0
FUMBLES-LOST	27-16	21-11
PENALTIES-YARDS	95-815	49-652
Average Per Game	62.7	50.2
PUNTS-YARDS	62-2472	76-3034
Average Per Punt	39.9	39.9
Net punt average	36.2	34.4
TIME OF POSS./GAME	26:18	33:42
3RD-DOWN CONV.	59/168	80/211
3rd-Down Pct.	35%	38%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	15/22	11/22
4th-Down Pct.	68%	50%
SACKS BY-YARDS	36-206	13-123
MISC YARDS	-12	0
TDS SCORED	60	35
FG-ATTEMPTS	16-20	22-27
PAT-ATTEMPTS	55-55	29-31
ATTENDANCE	409806	281542
Games/Avg Per Game	7/58544	5/56308
Neutral Site Games		1/93963

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Oregon	100	134	146	76	13	469
Opponent	60	93	94	52	10	309

2 OREGON STATE BEAVERS

TOP 25 PICK



JACQUIZZ RODGERS, RB

BULLET POINTS

- The Rodgers brothers, James and Jacquizz, are back to cause more havoc.
- Sophomore Ryan Katz is the favorite to win the starting quarterback job.
- Success defensively depends largely on the rebuilt linebacking unit.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@TCU*	
S.18	Louisville	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.25	@BOISE STATE	

This is a huge game for the Beavers, the Pac-10 and the Broncos, as OSU stands as one of the few teams capable of knocking Boise State out of the national title race.

O.2	Arizona State	28-17
O.9	@ARIZONA	32-37
O.16	@WASHINGTON	48-21
O.30	California	31-14
N.6	@UCLA	26-19
N.13	Washington State	42-10
N.20	USC	36-42
N.27	@STANFORD	38-28
D.4	Oregon	33-37

** at Arlington, TX*

BOWL PROJECTION

HOLIDAY BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING

GABE MILLER, DE

The Beavers believe this senior who had three sacks last year is ready for a breakout season, thanks in part to playing alongside standout Stephen Paea.

No team in the Pac-10 demolishes expectations like Oregon State. If the Beavers do it again this season, they'll end up in the Rose Bowl for the first time in 46 years.

Picked to finish sixth and fourth in the Pac-10 preseason polls the past two seasons, the Beavers instead tied for second both times.

This summer, Oregon State should be slotted no worse than second or third when the league's preseason poll is released in late July. To smash that lofty projection, the Beavers will have to finish on top.

And it's not difficult to envision the gritty little program from Corvallis overtaking its richer neighbor down the road (Oregon) or the conference kingpin (USC). All the Beavers need to become the favorite is decent quarterback play. Everything else is in place for a title run.

Oregon State returns 16 starters from a team that was four points away (a season-ending 37-33 loss to Oregon) from the Rose Bowl in 2009. Among the 16 are the Rodgers brothers: receiver James and tailback Jacquizz, who combined for 4,290 yards last season.

The Beavers also return the best head coach in the conference in Mike Riley, who spurned USC's overtures when Pete Carroll left for the NFL, as well as defensive mastermind Mark Banker and offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf.

All they need is someone to step in for the graduated Sean Canfield at quarterback. Granted, that's a tall order, as Canfield was one of the best in the conference last season, and the contenders for the job are short on experience.

Sophomore Ryan Katz threw 27 passes last season. And junior transfer Peter Lalich has two starts on his résumé, but both were at Virginia. Redshirt freshmen Cody Vaz and Jack Lomax are also in the mix.

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"Whenever there's a changing of the guard at quarterback, that's big news and a big issue," Riley says. "I like the talent and we'll see who emerges."

Whoever it is won't have to carry the offense. There are so many talented and experienced pieces that the quarterback's only mission will be to avoid losing games.

One option is to hand the ball to "Quizz," the 5-7 dynamo who has 2,693 career yards and is on pace to finish as the league's No. 2 all-time rusher behind Charles White. Yet the Beavers would prefer to ease Rodgers' workload this season, which can only be done if reserve Ryan McCants stays healthy or Jovan Stevenson grows into his raw talent.

Another option for the quarterback will be throwing to flanker James Rodgers, who led the Pac-10 with seven catches per game last year and is just as dangerous running the fly sweep. The other returning starters in the receiving department are halfback Joe Halahuni, wideout Darrell Catchings and tight end Brady Camp.

Whether the quarterback is Katz or Lalich (or one of the freshmen), he should have plenty of time to throw with an offensive line that returns four starters, including center Alex Linnenkohl, who has 26 consecutive starts. The only hole is at right guard, the spot previously occupied by all-conference performer Gregg Peat. Junior Burke Ellis and Colin Kelly are the front-runners.

Across the line of scrimmage, there is also one hole to fill, as defensive end Matt LaGrone quit the team in the spring for personal reasons. But the defensive line should be one of the finest in the Pac-10 because it has the most dominant defensive player in the league in senior Stephen Paea, who would have been a high-round NFL draft pick in April. Don't be fooled by Paea's modest sack total from 2009 (3); he's 311 pounds of solid muscle, with quick feet and a motor that never stops.

"He creates a lot of havoc with his strength that forces double teams and enables his teammates to make plays," Riley says.

The Beavers had the makings of a first-class linebacker unit, but then middleman David Pa'aluhi left school to join the military and Keith Pankey, the projected starter on the outside, ripped his Achilles. The Beavers believe Pankey will be ready for the season, but whether he returns to pre-injury form is uncertain. The front-runners to replace Pa'aluhi are Tony Wilson and Rueben Robinson.

Three starters return to a secondary that should be the biggest in the conference. Safeties Cameron Collins and Lance Mitchell are both 6-2, as is cornerback Brandon Hardin.

The special teams are also in good shape with punter Johnny Hekker and kicker Justin Kahut (22 field goals) expected to reclaim their jobs. And don't forget about the ubiquitous James Rodgers, who averaged 23.3 yards per kick return and 11.6 on punts a year ago.

RECRUITING REPORT

Oregon State wasn't going to win a lot of team-rankings races this season mainly because of its extremely small class. The Beavers were limited in quantity, but they more than made up for it with quality.

The Beavers made a considerable upgrade on their defensive line with **Fred Thompson** and **Thomas Molesi**. Oregon State has also had tremendous success with undersized running backs, and **Malcolm Marable** could be the next big thing in that regard. Landing linebacker **Shaydon Akuna** out of Hawaii was a nice pickup.

—Adam Gorney, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 PAC-10: 6-3
(lost to BYU in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas, 44-20)

Coach: Mike Riley, 10th year (64-47)
Career record: 64-47
Offensive coordinator: Danny Langdorf (6th year)
Defensive coordinator: Mark Banker (8th year)

Stadium: Reser Stadium (45,674)
Tickets: 800-GO-BEAVS
Site: Corvallis
Official athletic Web site: www.osubeavers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Ryan Katz	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	4	136.25	27-14-0	51.9	232	1	58.0

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jacquizz Rodgers	13	273	1440	5.3	21	110.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
James Rodgers	13	91	1034	11.4	9	79.5

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Cameron Collins	13	40	30	70

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Gabe Miller	13	3	19
Stephen Paea	13	3	19

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Lance Mitchell	3	25	8.3	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Ryan Katz (6-1, 205, So.)
	7	Peter Lalich (6-4, 226, Jr.)
FB	33	Will Darkins (6-1, 226, Jr.)
	42	Clayton York (6-0, 220, So.)
RB	1	Jacquizz Rodgers (5-7, 191, Sr.)
	19	Jovan Stevenson (5-11, 184, So.)
LOT	77	Michael Philipp (6-3, 313, So.)
	72	Timi Oshinowo (6-6, 289, Sr.)
LOG	70	Grant Johnson (6-3, 278, Jr.)
	63	Ryan Pohl (6-3, 284, Sr.)
C	60	Alex Linnenkohl (6-2, 297, Sr.)
	69	Josh Andrews (6-2, 277, Fr.)
ROG	74	Burke Ellis (6-4, 268, Jr.)
	64	Colin Kelly (6-4, 284, So.)
ROT	50	Mike Remmers (6-4, 299, Jr.)
	62	Geoff Garner (6-6, 300, So.)
TE	83	Brady Camp (6-4, 259, Sr.)
	82	Colby Prince (6-3, 248, So.)
WR	15	Darrell Catchings (5-11, 173, Sr.)
	2	Markus Wheaton (6-1, 167, So.)
WR	8	James Rodgers (5-7, 185, Sr.)
	81	Micah Hatfield (6-0, 154, Fr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Gabe Miller (6-3, 239, Sr.)
	49	Andrew Seumalo (6-3, 256, So.)
LDT	54	Stephen Paea (6-1, 311, Sr.)
	98	Castro Masaniai (6-2, 296, So.)
RDT	78	Brennan Olander (6-1, 276, Sr.)
	74	Kevin Frahm (6-2, 259, Jr.)
RDE	26	Josh LaGrone (6-1, 190, So.)
	91	Taylor Henry (6-1, 228, So.)
SLB	35	Keith Pankey (6-0, 222, Sr.)
	44	Devin Unga (6-1, 215, So.)
MLB	43	Tony Wilson (6-1, 231, So.)
	13	Rueben Robinson (6-1, 209, So.)
WLB	59	Dwight Roberson (6-0, 231, Sr.)
	29	Zane Norris (6-2, 217, So.)
LCB	4	James Dockery (6-1, 180, Sr.)
	14	Jordan Poyer (6-1, 181, So.)
RCB	17	Brandon Hardin (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	20	Keynan Parker (5-11, 173, So.)
FS	10	Lance Mitchell (6-2, 205, Jr.)
	26	Josh LaGrone (6-1, 190, So.)
SS	5	Cameron Collins (6-2, 220, Jr.)
	28	Suaesi Tuimaunei (6-1, 207, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	27	Justin Kahut (5-8, 176, Sr.)
P	7	Johnny Hekker (6-5, 220, Jr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	OSU	OPP
SCORING	344	258
Points Per Game	26.5	19.8
FIRST DOWNS	237	253
Rushing	105	102
Passing	122	131
Penalty	10	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	2168	1666
Yards gained rushing	2388	2010
Yards lost rushing	220	344
Rushing Attempts	438	456
Average Per Rush	4.9	3.7
Average Per Game	166.8	128.2
TDs Rushing	24	18
PASSING YARDAGE	2890	2760
Att-Comp-Int	228-379-15	241-463-11
Average Per Pass	7.6	6.0
Average Per Catch	12.7	11.5
Average Per Game	222.3	212.3
TDs Passing	16	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	5058	4426
Total Plays	817	919
Average Per Play	6.2	4.8
Average Per Game	389.1	340.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	50-943	51-1254
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	28-381	17-35
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	11-230	15-198

TEAM STATISTICS	OSU	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	21.9	17.7
PUNT RETURN AVG.	8.0	6.2
INT RETURN AVG.	6.9	12.7
FUMBLES-LOST	15-4	22-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	100-772	82-704
Average Per Game	59.4	54.2
PUNTS-YARDS	51-2043	69-2734
Average Per Punt	40.1	39.6
Net punt average	35.7	35.7
TIME OF POSS./GAME	31:53	28:07
3RD-DOWN CONV.	84/183	62/166
3rd-Down Pct.	46%	37%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	11/18	15/21
4th-Down Pct.	61%	71%
SACKS BY-YARDS	17-116	29-229
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	49	44
FG-ATTEMPTS	22-27	5-7
PAT-ATTEMPTS	45-47	38-39
ATTENDANCE	253969	293318
Games/Avg Per Game	6/42328	6/48886
Neutral Site Games		1/40018

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Oregon State	112	119	79	99	409
Opponent	48	86	72	119	325

3 USC TROJANS

TOP 25 PICK

ALLEN BRADFORD, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Is Lane Kiffin up to the challenge of replacing his former boss, Pete Carroll?
- The defensive line is rock-solid, but there are concerns in the back seven.
- USC has the Pac-10's most talented roster, but the pieces must work together.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	@HAWAII	
S.11	Virginia	
S.18	@MINNESOTA	
S.25	@WASHINGTON STATE	27-6
O.2	Washington	13-16
O.9	@STANFORD	21-55
O.16	California	30-3
GAME TO WATCH		
O.30	**Oregon**	**20-47**

Much more than a chance for the Trojans to avenge their 47-20 loss last year, this showdown could have Rose Bowl or BCS implications.

N.6	Arizona State	14-9
N.13	@ARIZONA	17-21
N.20	@OREGON STATE	42-36
N.27	Notre Dame	34-27
D.4	@UCLA	28-7

BOWL PROJECTION

ALAMO BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING

NICK PERRY, DE

Perry registered eight sacks in part-time duty last season and could develop into USC's next All-America lineman.

This year's USC team is not the same as its former self. While there's a little luster left over, the Trojans have as many questions as they do answers, starting with the man in charge and moving on down the line to the assistants, the quarterback and just about every unit.

There are even questions about the status of the program itself. At press time, USC was awaiting word from the NCAA Infractions Committee regarding any penalties that would be imposed from the Reggie Bush case, which was prompted by allegations that the former Trojan running back received cash and gifts during his time at the school.

Most likely, the Trojans will have to forfeit games, repay money and lose future scholarships. But a postseason ban for 2010 is possible as well, and that would alter USC's approach to the season, placing greater emphasis on each game with nothing to play for beyond the first Saturday in December.

And the man who must guide USC through the potential wreckage is 34-year-old Lane Kiffin, the former Pete Carroll assistant who spent just more than a year with the Oakland Raiders and one season at Tennessee before accepting the USC job in January.

He replaces his former boss, Carroll, who was the most successful football coach in Pac-10 history (7 league titles, 7 BCS wins and 7 top four finishes in 9 years).

Carroll's departure to the Seattle Seahawks rocked USC, which moved swiftly to maintain the Carroll-era feel by hiring Kiffin, who thrilled the Trojan fan base by bringing with him former USC assistant and recruiter extraordinaire Ed Orgeron. Kiffin also hired his father, Monte, one of the greatest defensive coordinators in NFL history. The younger Kiffin then flexed his recruiting muscle by locking up one of the nation's

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top recruiting classes.

It was business as usual at USC, save for the looming NCAA sanctions and the "oh-by-the-way" questions about whether Kiffin can actually coach.

We know his father, who created the famous Tampa 2 scheme, can plan a game as well as anybody in football, and he will do so with a first-rate defensive line.

While sack-master Everson Griffen departed for the NFL, the Trojans return both starting tackles in Christian Tupou and Jurrell Casey, plus two part-time starters at end in Wes Horton and Armond Armstead. And not to be overlooked is reserve Nick Perry, a 2009 Freshman All-American.

All three starters return at linebacker in Malcolm Smith, Chris Galippo and Michael Morgan, which might not be comforting to USC fans who watched the unit get burned repeatedly last season.

Officially, the secondary must replace four starters, including All-American Taylor Mays. But, in reality, USC returns its best cover corner in Shareece Wright, who would have started from Day 1 last season if he weren't academically ineligible. How the Trojans hold up at the other cornerback spot and both safety positions depends on whether players such as T.J. Bryant and Drew McAllister are as good as billed.

But the Trojans' success will rely on the offense and, specifically, on the development of quarterback Matt Barkley and his receivers.

Judging by his numbers, Barkley was mediocre last season (15 TDs, 14 INTs, 59.5-percent completion rate). For a true freshman, however, Barkley was nothing short of brilliant. Given natural progression, he should be the third-best quarterback in the conference behind Washington's Jake Locker and Stanford's Andrew Luck.

But for Barkley to flourish, the Trojans must not only find a replacement for all-everything receiver Damian Williams (70 catches) but also a second dependable option for Barkley. The contenders for those roles are Ronald Johnson, David Ausberry, Travon Patterson and Brice Butler. That quartet combined for 71 catches last season—just one more than Williams.

The same is true at tight end, where Anthony McCoy (22 catches) must be replaced. The Trojans have options in Rhett Ellison and Blake Ayles, but plenty of questions, too.

The two positions that appear to be in good shape are running back and offensive line, where three starters return but depth is a concern. In the backfield, Allen Bradford (668 rushing yards as a backup last year) is back to deliver more punishment on would-be tacklers. C.J. Gable returns for what seems like his seventh season. Also at Barkley's disposal is one of the most versatile fullbacks in the country in Stanley Havili.

RECRUITING REPORT

There was no bigger story during the final few weeks of the recruiting season—and again on signing day—than what was happening with USC. Coach Lane Kiffin did a tremendous job keeping together the pieces of a puzzle that was already assembled by former coach Pete Carroll. Keeping five-star recruits **Kyle Prater**, **Dillon Baxter** and **Robert Woods** on board was huge.

The Trojans also closed stronger than any program in the nation. The addition of five-star prospect **Seantrel Henderson** was crucial, especially once he delayed his decision until after signing day. Getting five-star wide receiver **Markeith Ambles** on board cannot be overlooked, either. He has the talent to make a difference early on.

—Adam Gorney, *Rivals.com*

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 PAC-10: 5-4
(beat Boston College in the Emerald Bowl, 24-13)

Coach: Lane Kiffin, 1st year
Career record: 7-6
Offensive coordinator: Unavailable at press time
Defensive coordinator: Ed Orgeron (1st year)

Stadium: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (92,000)
Tickets: 213-740-GOSC
Site: Los Angeles
Official athletic Web site: www.usctrojans.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Matt Barkley	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	12	131.32	352-211-14	59.9	2735	15	227.9

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Allen Bradford	13	115	668	5.8	8	51.4

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Ronald Johnson	8	34	378	11.1	3	47.3

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Malcolm Smith	10	37	35	72

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Nick Perry	13	8	58

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Chris Galippo	2	63	31.5	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	7	Matt Barkley (6-2, 230, So.)
	16	Mitch Mustain (6-3, 200, Sr.)
FB	31	Stanley Havili (6-1, 230, Sr.)
	10	D.J. Shoemate (6-0, 220, Jr.)
RB	21	Allen Bradford (5-11, 235, Sr.)
	2	C.J. Gable (6-0, 205, Sr.)
LOT	77	Kevin Graf (6-6, 315, Fr.)
	72	Martin Coleman (6-5, 315, Jr.)
LOG	74	Zack Heberer (6-5, 290, Sr.)
	78	Khaled Holmes (6-4, 300, So.)
C	61	Kristofer O'Dowd (6-5, 300, Sr.)
	67	Michael Reardon (6-5, 285, Jr.)
ROG	68	Butch Lewis (6-5, 285, Sr.)
	59	John Martinez (6-3, 275, Fr.)
ROT	70	Tyron Smith (6-6, 285, Jr.)
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	88	Blake Ayles (6-5, 245, Jr.)
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WR	17	Travon Patterson (5-10, 175, Sr.)
	1	De'Von Flournoy (6-0, 180, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Armond Armstead (6-5, 295, Jr.)
	96	Wes Horton (6-5, 255, So.)
LDT	44	Christian Tupou (6-2, 285, Sr.)
	98	DaJohn Harris (6-4, 295, Jr.)
RDT	91	Jurrell Casey (6-1, 295, Jr.)
	94	Armond Armstead (6-5, 295, Jr.)
RDE	97	Malik Jackson (6-5, 245, Jr.)
	8	Nick Perry (6-3, 250, So.)
SLB	17	Michael Morgan (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	42	Devon Kennard (6-3, 255, So.)
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	37	Jordan Campbell (5-11, 230, Jr.)
WLB	6	Malcolm Smith (6-1, 225, Sr.)
	23	Shane Horton (6-1, 210, Jr.)
LCB	1	T.J. Bryant (6-0, 180, Jr.)
	30	Brian Baucham (5-11, 180, So.)
RCB	24	Shareece Wright (6-0, 185, Sr.)
	30	Brian Baucham (5-11, 180, So.)
FS	19	Drew McAllister (6-1, 195, Jr.)
	29	Jawanza Starling (6-1, 190, So.)
SS	7	T.J. McDonald (6-2, 205, So.)
	38	Robert Erickson (5-11, 190, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	30	Joe Houston (5-8, 175, Sr.)
P	48	Jacob Harfman (5-11, 200, Sr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

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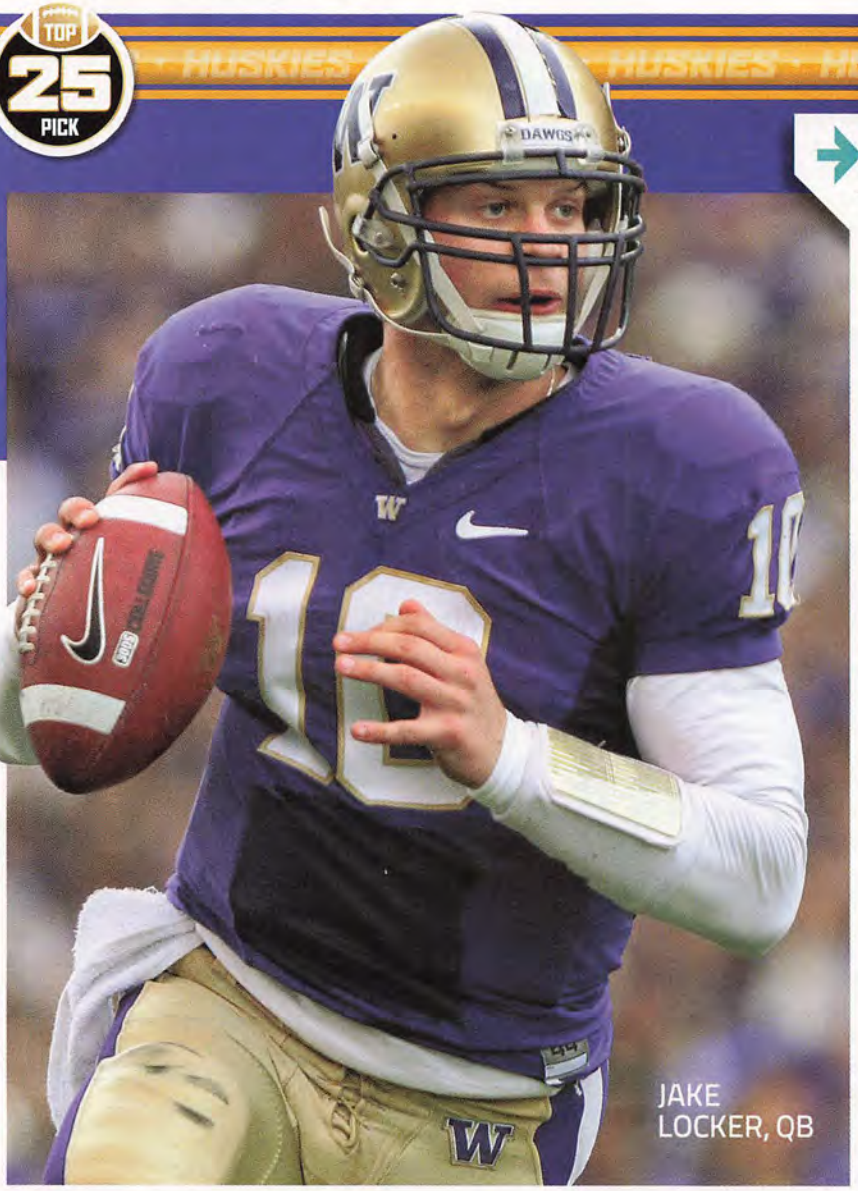
TEAM STATISTICS	USC	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	18.9	24.6
PUNT RETURN AVG.	13.6	2.1
INT RETURN AVG.	20.9	13.2
FUMBLES-LOST	15-7	28-11
PENALTIES-YARDS	90-798	83-609
Average Per Game	61.4	46.8
PUNTS-YARDS	63-2469	77-3152
Average Per Punt	39.2	40.9
Net punt average	37.0	34.9
TIME OF POSS./GAME	29:10	30:50
3RD-DOWN CONV.	56/157	74/196
3rd-Down Pct.	36%	38%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	7/17	13-21
4th-Down Pct.	41%	62%
SACKS BY-YARDS	35-215	18-107
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	44	31
FG-ATTEMPTS	12-17	15-18
PAT-ATTEMPTS	42-42	25-29
ATTENDANCE	508796	435390
Games/Avg Per Game	6/84799	6/72565
Neutral Site Games		1/40121

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
USC	78	103	86	77	344
Opponent	61	53	56	88	258

4 WASHINGTON HUSKIES



BULLET POINTS

- Is this the year the Huskies finally end their postseason drought?
- Quarterback Jake Locker will be the league's top playmaker if he can stay healthy.
- If the defense is merely decent, UW should win more games than it loses.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@BYU	
S.11	Syracuse	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**Nebraska**	
O.2	@USC	16-13
O.9	Arizona State	17-24
O.16	Oregon State	21-48
O.23	@ARIZONA	36-33
O.30	Stanford	14-34
N.6	@OREGON	19-43
N.13	UCLA	23-24
N.27	@CALIFORNIA	42-10
D.4	@WASHINGTON STATE	30-0

We'll know early if the Huskies are national contenders when they play host to the Cornhuskers in what should be an excellent test of UW's newfound physicality.

BOWL PROJECTION

SUN BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
MASON FOSTER, LB

Foster started every game in 2009 but was overshadowed by Donald Butler. This year, Foster should be an all-conference candidate.

To assess Washington's prospects based solely on the quality of its quarterback is to declare the Huskies the Pac-10 favorite, for Jake Locker is as good as they come in college football.

And Locker is backed by some quality skill-position players. Their running backs and receivers—and even the offensive line—rate in the top half of the conference.

But to include Washington's defense in the assessment means lowering expectations significantly.

The Huskies will score, but will they stop anybody? As good as he is, Locker can't do much standing on the sideline.

But fans and media think he should, as Locker carries the burden of high expectations.

"If you had to ask me right now who is going to be the No. 1 pick in the 2011 draft," says ESPN analyst Mel Kiper, "I would say it's etched in stone it's going to be Jake Locker."

And how will UW hold up during a brutal seven-game stretch that starts with Nebraska, ends with Oregon and includes trips to USC and Arizona?

The answer will determine whether UW finishes fourth or eighth in the Pac-10 and whether it reaches the postseason for the first time since 2002 or endures its eighth straight year without a bowl bid.

One thing seems certain: The Huskies are on the rise under second-year coach Steve Sarkisian, the former USC lieutenant who has injected the proud UW program with energy and hope.

Following a winless 2008 season under Tyrone Willingham, the Huskies went 5-7

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in Sarkisian's rookie season.

Whether that success comes in 2010 depends on a defense that ranked near the bottom in every major statistical category last year and lost its two best players in end Daniel Te'o-Nesheim and linebacker Donald Butler. The Huskies are so thin at the end position—Kalani Aldrich and Everrette Thompson are injured; Andru Pulu was suspended following an arrest for assault—that they tried a freshman basketball player who hadn't stepped on the football field in five years.

But when Clarence Trent decided after a few spring workouts that he wanted to stick with basketball, the Huskies turned to tackle Cameron Elisara.

Fortunately for UW, the other units are in decent shape. Two starters return at linebacker, including senior Mason Foster, who forced six fumbles last season. But there's not much depth since the NCAA denied E.J. Savannah's appeal for an extra year of eligibility. Three starters also return in the secondary, where cornerbacks Desmond Trufant and Adam Long form a solid tandem.

But how will the defense hold up week after week against a barrage of high-powered offenses? If it cannot stop the other team—opponents converted 40 percent of their third downs last season—then Locker won't have many opportunities to show why he's considered the top quarterback talent in the country.

He won't have a chance to showcase his rocket arm, his improved accuracy or the mobility that makes him one of the best runners in the conference (only a handful of tailbacks are better than Locker in the open field).

And in contrast to the situation Locker encountered early in his career when he was a one-man offense, he'll have plenty of help from an array of talented skill players.

The first option at tailback is Chris Polk, who gained 1,113 yards as a freshman. A shoulder injury kept Polk from participating in spring practice, but he's expected to be ready for the season.

Meanwhile, Devin Aguilar and Jermaine Kearse form what might be the best wideout duo in the conference after combining for 92 catches and 13 touchdowns last year. Tight end Kavario Middleton is also a huge threat.

The offensive line should be more efficient and more physical than last year's version, which infamously failed to score from Notre Dame's one-yard line. The Huskies lost guard Ben Ossai, but everyone else of significance returns, which should mean decent protection for Locker and running lanes for Polk.

Washington is set in the kicking department with Erik Folk, who made 18 of 21 field goals and all 35 of his extra points last season. Punter Will Mahan is also back. Any improvement in the return game would provide better field position for the powerful offense, which would ease the burden for that fragile defense.

RECRUITING REPORT

The Huskies took major steps forward on the field last season, and their recruiting efforts reflected that. Coach Steve Sarkisian's aggressive tactics in California paid big dividends.

While it won't make any top-25 lists, this was a big rebound class full of talent. The Huskies went head-to-head with many other top programs in the Pac-10, and the results were promising. Getting four-star safety **Sean Parker** away from USC drew a lot of attention. Running back **Deontae Cooper** could be an immediate threat, and opening holes for him will be one of the best offensive line classes in the Pac-10.

—Adam Gorney, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 PAC-10: 4-5

Coach: Steve Sarkisian, 2nd year (5-7)
Career record: 5-7
Offensive coordinator: Doug Nussmeier (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Nick Holt (2nd year)

Stadium: Husky Stadium (72,500)
Tickets: 206-543-2200
Site: Seattle
Official athletic Web site: www.gohuskies.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Jake Locker

GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
12	130.1	230-394-11	58.4	2800	51	233.3

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Chris Polk	12	226	1113	4.9	5	92.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jermaine Kearse	12	50	866	17.3	8	72.2

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Mason Foster	12	60	25	85

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Mason Foster	12	2.0	24

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Mason Foster	3	109	36.3	1

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Jake Locker (6-3, 226, Sr.)
	8	Ronnie Fouch (6-1, 203, Jr.)
RB	1	Chris Polk (5-11, 210, So.)
	23	Johri Fogerson (6-1, 191, Jr.)
LOT	67	Skyler Fancher (6-5, 288, Jr.)
	56	Senio Kelemete (6-4, 281, Jr.)
LOG	52	Nick Wood (6-3, 273, Jr.)
	77	Scott Shugert (6-5, 304, Jr.)
C	73	Drew Schaefer (6-4, 288, So.)
	51	Mykenna Ikehara (6-2, 260, So.)
ROG	65	Ryan Tolar (6-5, 293, Sr.)
	63	Daniel Kanczugowski (6-4, 313, So.)
ROT	71	Cody Habben (6-6, 295, Sr.)
	73	Drew Schaefer (6-4, 288, So.)
TE	80	Kavario Middleton (6-5, 253, Jr.)
	4	Chris Izbicki (6-3, 232, Jr.)
WR	9	Devin Aguilar (6-0, 184, Jr.)
	82	Jordan Polk (5-7, 162, Jr.)
WR	3	James Johnson (6-0, 193, So.)
	7	Cody Bruns (5-11, 176, Jr.)
WR	15	Jermaine Kearse (6-2, 198, Jr.)
	11	D'Andre Goodwin (5-11, 183, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Cameron Elisara (6-3, 275, Sr.)
	96	De'Shon Matthews (6-4, 261, Sr.)
LDT	74	Alameda Ta'amu (6-3, 348, Jr.)
	92	Everrette Thompson (6-6, 262, Jr.)
RDT	91	Tyrone Duncan (6-2, 272, Jr.)
	90	Chris Robinson (6-0, 250, Fr.)
RDE	1	Talia Crichton (6-3, 229, So.)
	50	Kalani Aldrich (6-7, 250, Jr.)
WLB	40	Mason Foster (6-2, 244, Sr.)
	45	Matt Houston (6-0, 220, Sr.)
MLB	31	Cort Dennison (6-1, 220, Jr.)
	15	Victor Burnett (5-11, 213, Fr.)
SLB	3	Alvin Logan (6-2, 219, Jr.)
	41	Victor Aiyewa (6-1, 208, Sr.)
LCB	27	Adam Long (5-10, 166, So.)
	28	Quinton Richardson (6-0, 203, Jr.)
RCB	6	Desmond Trufant (6-0, 172, So.)
	4	Vonzell McDowell (5-9, 180, Sr.)
FS	29	Nate Fellner (6-1, 198, So.)
	39	Greg Walker (5-10, 197, So.)
SS	8	Nate Williams (6-0, 221, Sr.)
	38	Marquis Persley (6-0, 188, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	17	Erik Folk (5-11, 185, Jr.)
P	46	Will Mahan (5-11, 200,)

2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	WASH	OPP
SCORING	313	320
Points Per Game	26.1	26.7
FIRST DOWNS	244	234
Rushing	98	91
Passing	123	126
Penalty	23	17
RUSHING YARDAGE	1668	1786
Yards gained rushing	1959	2136
Yards lost rushing	291	340
Rushing Attempts	390	395
Average Per Rush	4.3	4.5
Average Per Game	139.0	148.8
TDs Rushing	13	17
PASSING YARDAGE	2830	2888
Att-Comp-Int	231-396-11	228-363-8
Average Per Pass	7.2	8.0
Average Per Catch	12.3	12.7
Average Per Game	236.5	240.7
TDs Passing	21	16
TOTAL OFFENSE	4506	4674
Total Plays	786	758
Average Per Play	5.7	6.2
Average Per Game	375.5	389.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	63-1173	58-1198
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	11-104	18-139
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	8-169	11-72

TEAM STATISTICS	WASH	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	18.6	20.7
PUNT RETURN AVG.	9.5	7.7
INT RETURN AVG.	21.1	6.5
FUMBLES-LOST	13-8	31-15
PENALTIES-YARDS	83-704	74-674
Average Per Game	58.7	56.2
PUNTS-YARDS	53-2112	42-1700
Average Per Punt	39.8	40.5
Net punt average	36.5	37.0
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:25	32:05
3RD-DOWN CONV.	78/169	59/169
3rd-Down Pct.	46%	40%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	9/15	4/11
4th-Down Pct.	60%	36%
SACKS BY-YARDS	30-204	28-173
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	37	36
FG-ATTEMPTS	18-21	22-25
PAT-ATTEMPTS	35-35	34-34
ATTENDANCE	450491	289142
Games/Avg Per Game	7/64356	5/57828
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Washington	72	87	63	91	0	313
Opponent	81	78	89	65	7	320

5 ARIZONA WILDCATS

NICK FOLES, QB

Arizona's success this season depends on which Wildcats team shows up: the dynamic, resilient version that came within a few plays of winning the conference, or the team that rolled over in the Holiday Bowl.

Without question, coach Mike Stoops' offense should be first-rate with 10 starters back and a full year of experience for quarterback Nick Foles. But the defense must replace seven starters, including both tackles and all three linebackers.

There is no telling how much impact the 33-0 Holiday Bowl loss to Nebraska will have on the Wildcats. Does it set the program back after two years of progress? Or does it serve as a motivator, pushing Arizona to continue its ascent?

Hopefully, it's the latter, especially since quarterbacks coach and play-caller Sonny Dykes is gone. Many thought his lack of technical knowledge hindered the development of the program's quarterbacks.

His successor, Frank Scelfo, will work with one of the league's finest signal-callers in Foles, who threw for 2,486 yards in 2009 despite a limited role in nonconference games. Once Foles stepped in last season, the Arizona offense took off, posting 33 points or more in five of nine conference contests.

Foles will have plenty of chances to distribute the ball. Tailbacks Keola Antolin, Nic Grigsby, Matt Scott and Greg Nwoko combined for 1,786 yards last year and make up a formidable backfield corps. Receivers Juron Criner, David Roberts, Delashaun Dean and David Douglas also return to help gain yardage. They combined for 161 receptions last year.

The offensive line looks experienced with four starters back, including center Colin Baxter, an all-conference candidate, and tackle Adam Grant, who received a sixth year of eligibility.

With that combination of talent, experience and depth—especially at the skill positions—the Wildcats should field one of the most potent offenses in the conference, if not the country.

But they might need to score 35 or 40 points to win in the Pac-10, given their issues defensively.

Brooks Reed and Ricky Elmore are both solid at defensive end. Elmore was second in the league in sacks (10.5) last year. Safety Robert Golden and cornerback Trevin Wade form a nice foundation for the secondary.

But so much of Arizona's success defensively depends on its new linebackers, two of which are junior college transfers: Derek Earls and Paul Vassallo. As mid-year transfers, they participated in spring practice and should be adjusted by the time the season opener arrives. The players to watch at tackle are juniors Jonathan Hollins and Dominique Austin.

THE NEXT BIG THING
JURON CRINER, WR

Criner caught 45 passes last season but was just one of the pass-catching masses in Tucson. His big-play ability should translate to a breakout season.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.3	@TOLEDO	
S.11	Citadel	
S.18	Iowa	17-27
S.25	California	16-24
O.9	Oregon State	37-32
O.16	@WASHINGTON ST.	48-7
O.23	Washington	33-36
O.30	@UCLA	27-13
N.6	@STANFORD	43-38
N.13	USC	21-17
GAME TO WATCH		
N.26	@OREGON	41-44 (2OT)

A rematch of the double-overtime thriller in Tucson last year (won by Oregon) on the penultimate weekend of the season has the makings of must-watch football.

D.2	Arizona State	20-17

BOWL PROJECTION
LAS VEGAS BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 PAC-10: 6-3
(lost to Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl, 33-0)

Coach: Mike Stoops, 7th year (33-41)
Career record: 33-41
Offensive coordinators: Bill Bedenbaugh (1st year), Seth Littrell (1st year)
Defensive coordinators: Greg Brown (1st year), Tim Kish (1st year)

Stadium: Arizona Stadium (56,002)
Tickets: 800-452-CATS
Site: Tuscon
Official athletic Web site: www.arizonawildcats.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

BULLET POINTS

- Will we see the team that won eight games or the one that collapsed in the Holiday Bowl last postseason?
- Offense should be one of league's best.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	8	Nick Foles (6-5, 245, Jr.)
RB	5	Nic Grigsby (5-10, 190, Sr.)
LOT	78	Adam Grant (6-6, 325, Sr.)
LOG	55	Conan Amituanai (6-4, 335, Sr.)
C	64	Colin Baxter (6-4, 295, Sr.)
ROG	70	Vaughn Dotsy (6-5, 335, Jr.)
ROT	67	Phillip Garcia (6-7, 330, Sr.)
TE	31	Taimi Tutogi (6-1, 258, So.)
WR	82	Juron Criner (6-4, 210, Jr.)
WR	18	Delashaun Dean (6-4, 210, Sr.)
WR	81	David Roberts (6-0, 190, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	44	Ricky Elmore (6-5, 260, Sr.)
LDT	92	Dominique Austin (6-4, 292, Jr.)
RDT	94	Lolomana Mikaele (6-2, 305, Jr.)
RDE	42	Brooks Reed (6-3, 255, Sr.)
SLB	33	Jake Fischer (5-11, 220, So.)
MLB	40	Derek Earls (6-3, 235, Jr.)
WLB	41	Paul Vassalo (6-3, 240, Jr.)
LCB	7	Marcus Benjamin (6-0, 190, Sr.)
RCB	24	Trevin Wade (5-11, 182, Jr.)
FS	9	Joe Perkins (6-2, 198, Sr.)
SS	1	Robert Golden (5-11, 200, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	14	Alex Zendejas (5-11, 190, Jr.)
P	47	Keenyn Crier (6-1, 200, Sr.)

Sporting News All-American

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 Marquis Flowers *ATH, 6-3, 210*
Because of his outstanding size and speed, Flowers could make an immediate impact.

2 Trent Spurgeon *OL, 6-8, 270*
Arguably the second-best offensive lineman coming out of Oklahoma, Spurgeon has the potential to become an outstanding tackle.

3 Willie Mobley *DT, 6-2, 275*
Mobley, from Costa Mesa (Calif.) Orange Coast CC, has the type of motor coach Mike Stoops likes.

4 Derek Earls *OLB, 6-4, 225*
Earls is fundamentally sound, a good tackler and has no problem bringing backs down behind the line of scrimmage.

5 Jourdon Grandon *DB, 6-1, 185*
Grandon uses his height to his advantage on the outside and isn't easily faked out by quicker wideouts.

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UCLA BRUINS 6

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@KANSAS STATE	23-9
S.11	Stanford	16-24
S.18	Houston	
S.25	@TEXAS	
O.2	Washington State	43-7
O.9	@CALIFORNIA	26-45
O.21	@OREGON	10-24
O.30	Arizona	13-27
GAME TO WATCH		
N.6	**Oregon State**	**19-26**

Viewed through the bowl-eligibility lens, this shapes up as a must-win game for the Bruins, who will finish with a tough schedule: at Washington, at Arizona State and then USC.

N.13	@WASHINGTON	24-23
N.26	@ARIZONA STATE	23-13
D.4	USC	7-28

BOWL PROJECTION

KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Will the "Pistol" formation help QB Kevin Prince spark production?
- Safety Rahim Moore and LB Akeem Ayers lead a rebuilt but talented defense.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	4	Kevin Prince (6-2, 229, So.)
FB	45	Tobi Umodu (5-11, 243, Sr.)
RB	23	Johnathan Franklin (5-10, 200, So.)
LOT	68	Nik Abele (6-7, 276, Fr.)
LOG	60	Jeff Baca (6-4, 307, Jr.)
C	51	Kai Maiava (6-1, 300, Jr.)
ROG	62	Eddie Williams (6-1, 327, Sr.)
ROT	65	Mike Harris (6-5, 331, Jr.)
TE	87	Cory Harkey (6-5, 262, Jr.)
WR	83	Nelson Rosario (6-5, 216, Jr.)
WR	82	Taylor Embree (6-3, 207, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	56	Datone Jones (6-4, 267, Jr.)
LDT	89	Nate Chandler (6-5, 291, Jr.)
RDT	85	David Carter (6-5, 292, Sr.)
RDE	59	Keenan Graham (6-2, 243, Fr.)
SLB	10	Akeem Ayers (6-4, 254, Jr.)
MLB	43	Steve Sloan (6-4, 232, Jr.)
WLB	11	Sean Westgate (5-11, 216, Jr.)
LCB	22	Sheldon Price (6-2, 171, So.)
RCB	21	Aaron Hester (6-1, 207, So.)
FS	3	Rahim Moore (6-1, 195, Jr.)
SS	6	Tony Dye (5-11, 206, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	25	Kai Forbath (6-0, 195, Sr.)
P	18	Jeff Locke (6-1, 208, So.)

Sporting News All-American

RAHIM MOORE, FS

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 PAC-10: 3-6
(beat Temple in the EagleBank Bowl, 30-21)

Coach: Rick Neuheisel, 3rd year (11-14)
Career record: 77-44
Offensive coordinator: Norm Chow (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Chuck Bullough (2nd year)

Stadium: Rose Bowl (92,000)
Tickets: 310-UCLA-WIN
Site: Los Angeles
Official athletic Web site: www.uclabruins.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

The Rick Neuheisel era at UCLA has not lived up to the hype, which may not be the coach's fault. Combine the Neuheisel name with fans' desperation and a talent-depleted roster, and it's easy to see why too much might have been expected too soon.

But in Year 3, it's time for Neuheisel's energy, offensive coordinator Norm Chow's playbook and all those highly rated recruits to pay dividends for the Bruins.

Yes, UCLA finished 2009 with four wins in its last five games, which has generated some optimism in Westwood. But three of the wins were against sub-.500 teams.

There is reason to think progress is at hand. The offense, which ranked near the bottom of the conference in total yards, rushing and scoring, returns players with starting experience at nine of 11 positions.

"Most of our young players have now gained starting experience and are entering the third year of our system," Neuheisel says. "That experience, combined with their continuity in our system, leads us to believe we are ready to take a step forward offensively, especially in the area of the big play."

Quarterback Kevin Prince showed promise last season and should have a firm command of Chow's system this time around. The redshirt sophomore threw for 2,050 yards a year ago.

Tailback Johnathan Franklin won't be mistaken for Gaston Green or DeShaun Foster, but he's solid in the backfield. And receivers Nelson Rosario (6-5) and Taylor Embree (6-3) give Prince two big targets. The Bruins also return four starters along the offensive line, which should finally coalesce after several erratic seasons.

If the offense looks poised to take a lengthy stride forward, the defense could backslide. The Bruins lose six starters from a unit that finished third in the conference in points and yards allowed last year, including all-league tackle Brian Price and shutdown cornerback Alterraun Verner.

There's a solid foundation with defensive end Datone Jones, linebacker Akeem Ayers and safety Rahim Moore. But like Arizona and Washington, the unit's success depends on talented young reserves emerging as dependable starters. Tackle Nate Chandler, linebacker Steve Sloan and cornerback Aaron Hester will all have to acclimate quickly.

Another area of concern is the return game, where the Bruins no longer have the services of Terrence Austin. The kicking game, however, is set with the strong-legged combination of punter Jeff Locke and kicker Kai Forbath.

"I can't imagine that any school has a pair of kickers better than Kai and Jeff," Neuheisel says.

Given the questions everywhere else on the depth chart, he'd better hope not.

THE NEXT BIG THING
NELSON ROSARIO, WR

Despite being limited by a young quarterback, Rosario averaged 17.2 yards per catch last year. This year, the 6-5 junior will be one of the league's best.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Owamagbe Odighizuwa
DE, 6-3, 234
Odighizuwa utilizes his powerful frame to drive bigger, heavier offensive linemen back with ease.

2 — Cassius Marsh
DT, 6-3, 275
With big, thick legs and a barrel chest, Marsh is tough to knock backwards. He plays every down with relentless effort.

3 — Anthony Barr
ATH, 6-4, 230
Barr runs like players are supposed to and always gets extra yards after contact.

4 — Malcolm Jones
ATH, 6-1, 210
Jones doesn't look like a typical running back because his frame is bigger than usual, but he has good feet and deceptive speed.

5 — Jordon James
RB, 5-10, 190
Two things that stand out about James are his excellent vision and change-of-direction skills.

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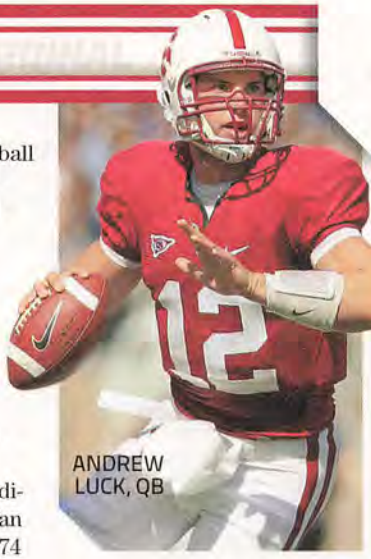
7 STANFORD CARDINAL


ANDREW LUCK, QB

For the first time in a decade, Stanford enters a football season with expectations. They might not be USC-sized expectations, but they exist and are justified given Stanford's success last season.

But dealing with the increased pressure is nothing compared to filling the 1,800-yard hole in the Cardinal backfield.

Stanford won't begin to meet expectations if it cannot eliminate the void left by running back Toby Gerhart.

Not that one player can replace the Heisman Trophy runner-up, who rushed for 1,871 yards and scored 28 touchdowns last year. It will take a village. The top candidates are senior Jeremy Stewart and sophomores Stepfan Taylor and Tyler Gaffney. Together, they rushed for 1,374 fewer yards and scored 24 fewer TDs than Gerhart in 2009.

"I don't think we can replace him with one person. … I'm hoping we can find some tandem that adds up to one Toby Gerhart," Cardinal coach Jim Harbaugh says.

If that happens, Stanford should once again have a potent offense. Andrew Luck is only a sophomore, but he's one of the best QBs in the country (2,575 yards, 13 TDs, 4 INTs last year).

Luck figures to be well protected behind a punishing offensive line that returns four starters. There are also a bevy of experienced tight ends, which is a crucial position in Stanford's physical running game.

If there's a question about the offense that does not involve Gerhart, it's at wide receiver. Ryan Whalen is a sure-handed, precise route-runner but not a breakaway threat. Chris Owusu has the speed to turn five-yard receptions into 75-yard touchdowns, but he's as likely to drop an important pass as corral it.

Whether it's Owusu or one of the gifted sophomores—Drew Terrell or Jamal-Rashad Patterson—someone must become a dependable big-play threat against opposing defenses.

And if Stanford cannot move the ball consistently, the defense will carry a greater share of the load. The Cardinal, who return six starters from a unit that ranked ninth in the conference, have a new coordinator in longtime NFL assistant Vic Fangio.

So desperate is Harbaugh to improve the defense that Owen Marecic, the best blocking fullback in the league, will spend a good portion of his time at inside linebacker. In addition to that move, backup QB Alex Loukas could move to safety and pass rusher Tom Keiser has been shifted to outside linebacker.

That's not to say the defense is devoid of talent. Tackles Matt Masifilo and Sione Fua are strong and powerful. Weakside linebacker Shayne Skov is a rising star and strong safety Delano Howell is good enough to help the team win.

THE NEXT BIG THING
SHAYNE SKOV, LB

The sophomore was third on the team in tackles last season and has the big-play speed you often see in athletes who line up for USC or California.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Sacramento State	
S.11	@UCLA	24-16
S.18	Wake Forest	17-24
S.25	@NOTRE DAME	45-38
O.2	@OREGON	51-42
O.9	USC	55-21
O.23	Washington State	39-13
O.30	@WASHINGTON	34-14
GAME TO WATCH		
N.6	**Arizona**	**38-43**

The past three meetings have been decided by seven points, including a 43-38 loss by Stanford last year in Tucson. The Cardinal might need this to become bowl-eligible.

N.13	@ARIZONA STATE	33-14
N.20	@CALIFORNIA	28-34
N.27	Oregon State	28-38

BOWL PROJECTION
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BULLET POINTS

- How will the Cardinal replace Heisman runner-up Toby Gerhart and his 28 TDs?
- The defense has new looks across the board, including coordinator Vic Fangio.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 PAC-10: 6-3
(lost to Oklahoma in the Sun Bowl, 31-27)

Coach: Jim Harbaugh, 4th year (17-20)
Career record: 17-20 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator: David Shaw (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Vic Fangio (1st year)

Stadium: Stanford Stadium (50,000)
Tickets: 800-STANFORD
Site: Stanford, Calif.
Official athletic Web site: www.gostanford.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Andrew Luck (6-4, 234, So.)
FB	48	Owen Marecic (6-1, 243, Sr.)
RB	31	Stepfan Taylor (5-11, 213, So.)
LOT	73	Jonathan Martin (6-6, 301, So.)
LOG	71	Andrew Phillips (6-5, 306, Sr.)
C	72	Chase Beeler (6-3, 277, Sr.)
ROG	52	David DeCastro (6-5, 313, So.)
ROT	53	Derek Hall (6-5, 307, Sr.)
TE	82	Coby Fleener (6-6, 240, Jr.)
WR	8	Ryan Whalen (6-2, 207, Sr.)
WR	81	Chris Owusu (6-2, 202, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Tom Keiser (6-5, 249, Jr.)
LDT	92	Sione Fua (6-2, 307, Sr.)
RDT	98	Matt Masifilo (6-3, 270, Jr.)
RDE	93	Chase Thomas (6-4, 233, So.)
SLB	57	Max Bergen (6-2, 229, Jr.)
MLB	44	Nick Macaluso (6-3, 242, Jr.)
WLB	11	Shayne Skov (6-3, 242, So.)
LCB	3	Michael Thomas (5-11, 185, Jr.)
RCB	27	Johnson Bademosi (6-1, 199, Jr.)
FS	28	Harold Bernard (6-2, 187, So.)
SS	26	Delano Howell (5-11, 198, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

KFG	39	Nate Whitaker (5-9, 184, Sr.)
P	38	David Green (6-1, 212, Jr.)

Sporting News All-American

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Anthony Wilkerson
RB, 6-0, 210
Wilkerson is big and also known as one of the nation's best downhill runners.

2 — Blake Lueders
DE, 6-5, 250
Lueders has excellent size, but what makes him special is he's athletic and can slip past tackles using his power or his speed.

3 — Brett Nottingham
QB, 6-4, 210
Nottingham already has the size to become a fantastic college QB and now has a great teacher in coach Jim Harbaugh.

4 — Ricky Seale
CB, 5-9, 180
Seale is an outstanding running back, but he has also developed a reputation as a lockdown cornerback.

5 — Dillon Bonnell
OL, 6-4, 285
Bonnell missed the majority of his senior season after dislocating his kneecap, but he should be back healthy and ready to go.

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CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS 8

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	UC Davis	
S.11	Colorado	
S.17	@NEVADA	
S.25	@ARIZONA	24-16
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	UCLA	45-26

We'll know how good Cal is early. If the Bears lose at home to a team of comparable talent, they'll endure a long second half to the season.

O.16	@USC	3-30
O.23	Arizona State	23-21
O.30	@OREGON STATE	14-31
N.6	@WASHINGTON STATE	49-17
N.13	Oregon	3-42
N.20	Stanford	34-28
N.27	Washington	10-42

SHANE VEREEN, RB

For the first time in more than five years, California is projected to finish in the bottom half of the conference. And that projection is justified by the team's performance in the past few seasons.

Cal failed to meet expectations in 2009, but that was hardly the first instance.

The last four times the Bears have begun the season ranked in the *Associated Press* Top 25, they finished the campaign in a lower position than they started.

In 2007 and 2009, Cal was No. 12 in the preseason poll, climbed into the top 10 early in the season, then skidded down and out of the rankings by the end of the year.

Twice in the past three years, the team went from No. 12 nationally to unranked. In 2008, the Bears were unranked at the start and at the end.

What the Bears haven't done in the past five seasons is deliver an upside surprise. Granted, that's not easy when you're No. 12 in the preseason rankings. But this year provides plenty of room for the Bears to exceed expectations.

Still, they'll depend on the outcome of a long list of factors, starting with the play of senior quarterback Kevin Riley, who ranked sixth in the Pac-10 in efficiency and completed just 54.7 percent of his passes last season.

But the problems were not all Riley's making. His protection was spotty and the receivers made their share of mistakes—either with dropped passes, busted routes or a failure to get open against adequate defenses. And that, once again, is an issue. Other than Jeremy Ross and Marvin Jones (65 combined catches), the receiving corps is an inexperienced, unproven unit.

The running game is a concern as well, although not all hope is lost. Cal must replace dynamic playmaker Jahvid Best (6.1 yards per carry in 2009), but Best's understudy, Shane Vereen, proved himself worthy of more work when he rushed for 193 yards against Stanford last year.

The defense must replace its two best players—end Tyson Alualu and cornerback Syd'Quan Thompson—as well as longtime coordinator Bob Gregory, who bolted for an assistant position at Boise State.

Clancy Pendergast, Gregory's replacement, will make whatever adjustments are necessary to Cal's 3-4 defense in order to generate more pressure on the opposing quarterback. The dearth of a pass rush put Cal at No. 111 overall in pass defense last season.

And the scheme will fail if talented returnees such as end Cameron Jordan, linebacker Mike Mohamed and safety Sean Cattouse don't play at a high level on a consistent basis.

So, yes, there are more than enough concerns to justify Cal's low projected conference finish. The question is whether the Bears can prove their skeptics wrong.

BULLET POINTS

→ The Bears won't finish higher than eighth unless their aerial attack improves.

→ Has coach Jeff Tedford fixed the problems that led to five lopsided losses last season?

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	13	Kevin Riley (6-2, 223, Sr.)
FB	22	Will Kapp (5-10, 223, Jr.)
RB	34	Shane Vereen (5-10, 199, Jr.)
LOT	53	Donovan Edwards (6-5, 295, Sr.)
LOG	75	Matt Summers-Gavin (6-4, 290, So.)
C	54	Chris Guarnero (6-2, 281, Sr.)
ROG	61	Justin Cheadle (6-2, 299, Jr.)
ROT	72	Mitchell Schwartz (6-6, 331, Jr.)
TE	80	Anthony Miller (6-3, 263, Jr.)
WR	1	Marvin Jones (6-2, 197, Jr.)
WR	3	Jeremy Ross (5-11, 213, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	92	Trevor Guyton (6-3, 281, Jr.)
NT	96	Kendrick Payne (6-2, 307, So.)
RDE	97	Cameron Jordan (6-4, 282, Sr.)
LOLB	30	Mychal Kendricks (6-0, 235, Jr.)
LILB	41	Jerome Meadows (6-3, 232, Sr.)
RILB	18	Mike Mohamed (6-3, 238, Sr.)
ROLB	47	Keith Browner (6-6, 260, Sr.)
LCB	26	Darian Hagan (6-0, 188, Sr.)
RCB	15	Bryant Nnabuife (6-1, 192, Sr.)
FS	11	Sean Cattouse (6-2, 208, Jr.)
SS	17	Chris Conte (6-3, 220, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	16	Vince D'Amato (6-1, 202, So.)
P	19	Bryan Anger (6-4, 201, Jr.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 PAC-10: 5-4
(lost to Utah in the Poinsettia Bowl, 37-27)

Coach: Jeff Tedford, 9th year (67-35)
Career record: 67-35
Offensive coordinator: Andy Ludwig (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Clancy Pendergast (1st year)

Stadium: California Memorial Stadium (72,516)
Tickets: 800-GO-BEARS
Site: Berkeley
Official athletic Web site: www.calbears.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Keenan Allen
DB, 6-3, 195
Allen will be able to cover as much ground in the secondary as any freshman in the country.

2 — Chris Martin
DE, 6-4, 240
Martin continues to develop physically without losing speed, which makes him so impressive.

3 — Gabe King
DE, 6-6, 253
King has a high motor and could stay at end or grow into a tackle. That versatility should help him see the field early.

4 — Cecil Whiteside
LB, 6-3, 220
What makes the super-athletic Whiteside so special is that he runs sideline to sideline extremely well.

5 — Nick Forbes
LB, 6-0, 223
Forbes is compact and tough, built almost like a hard-nosed running back that likes to knock people down.

THE NEXT BIG THING
CAMERON JORDAN, DE

Jordan has all-conference size (6-4, 282 pounds), speed and ability. Look for him to play with consistent effort in his final season.

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9 ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVILS

LAWRENCE GUY, DT

No team is better positioned to deliver a surprise upset than Arizona State—if only because so little is expected of the Sun Devils.

If the defense is as staunch as the Devils expect it to be—and if a handful of young skill-position players develop into consistent performers—ASU could challenge for fifth or sixth place in the conference. It wasn't that far away last season, losing three league games by five points or less.

But to get there, ASU will have to work a miracle. For the past two-plus seasons, the Devils have given no indication that they're ready to compete for a conference title.

The struggles date back to 2007, coach Dennis Erickson's first year in Tempe. The Devils won their first eight before skidding down the stretch after their scheduled stiffened. They stumbled again in '08 and then floundered last season because an anemic offense undermined an effective defense.

With the faithful in full grumble mode, Erickson's future could be in jeopardy if ASU turns in another losing season. And given the schedule, the uncertainty at quarterback and the pieces the Devils must replace on defense, a sub-.500 record is likely.

Few teams in the conference have a more rugged lineup of road games than ASU, which visits Wisconsin, Oregon State, USC, Washington and Arizona. Unless the Sun Devils find a way to win one of those five, they'll have to sweep the remaining seven to guarantee themselves a spot in the postseason.

The front-runner to take the first snap of the season is Michigan transfer Steven Threet. Unless it's 6-8 sophomore Brock Osweiler. Or junior Samson Szakacsy. Uncertainty at the most important position after back-to-back losing seasons is not an ideal situation for the Devils.

And it's not like the skill positions are stocked with proven playmakers. Erickson's top returning tailback is Cameron Marshall, who rushed for only 280 yards last season, while his top returning receiver is Gerell Robinson, who had just 26 receptions.

The Devils are in better shape up front, with a deep, veteran group that includes center Garth Gerhart (former Stanford star Toby's brother) and junior college transfer Brice Schwab.

Fortunately for the Sun Devils, the defense should be stout enough early on to give the offense time to come together. It has experience at every level, with five returning starters from a unit that ranked first in the Pac-10 against the run and pass in 2009.

The Devils' success starts in the middle with tackles Lawrence Guy and Saia Falahola and middle linebacker Vontaze Burfict, the league's Defensive Freshman of the Year.

Add veteran Omar Bolden and a bevy of solid options at cornerback, and the defense should be good enough to once again give the Devils a chance to win some of their games.

THE NEXT BIG THING
GERELL ROBINSON, WR

Robinson (26 catches) was a heralded all-purpose recruit three years ago and finally gets his chance to be the No. 1 option in the passing game.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 PAC-10: 2-7

Coach: Dennis Erickson, 4th year (19-18)
Career record: 167-83-1
Offensive coordinator: Noel Mazzone (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Craig Bay (4th year)

Stadium: Sun Devil Stadium (71,706)
Tickets: 480-727-0000
Site: Tempe
Official athletic Web site: www.thesundevils.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Portland State	
S.11	Northern Arizona	
S.18	@WISCONSIN	
S.25	Oregon	21-44
O.2	@OREGON STATE	17-28
O.9	@WASHINGTON	24-17
O.23	@CALIFORNIA	21-23
O.30	Washington State	27-14
N.6	@USC	9-14
N.13	Stanford	14-33
N.26	UCLA	13-23
GAME TO WATCH		
D.2	@ARIZONA	17-20

It's not difficult to envision ASU staggering into the finale needing a victory over its archrival to become bowl-eligible and perhaps save coach Dennis Erickson's job.

BULLET POINTS

- After two struggling seasons, the seat's getting warm under Dennis Erickson.
- Michigan transfer Steven Threet is the slight favorite to win the QB competition.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	14	Steven Threet (6-5, 237, Jr.)
RB	26	Cameron Marshall (5-11, 220, So.)
LOT	71	Brice Schwab (6-7, 345, Jr.)
LOG	59	Jon Hargis (6-3, 312, Sr.)
C	52	Garth Gerhart (6-1, 305, Jr.)
ROG	75	Zach Schlink (6-4, 311, So.)
ROT	76	Patrick Jamison (6-5, 280, So.)
TE	45	Trevor Kohl (6-1, 248, Jr.)
WR	8	Gerell Robinson (6-4, 223, Jr.)
WR	16	Aaron Pflugrad (5-10, 180, Jr.)
WR	5	Kerry Taylor (6-0, 197, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	34	James Brooks (6-5, 280, Jr.)
LDT	50	Lawrence Guy (6-5, 300, Jr.)
RDT	77	Saia Falahola (6-1, 300, Sr.)
RDE	17	Gregory Smith (6-3, 255, So.)
SLB	13	Shelly Lyons (6-2, 230, Jr.)
MLB	7	Vontaze Burfict (6-3, 245, So.)
WLB	48	Brandon Magee (5-11, 230, Jr.)
LCB	3	Omar Bolden (5-10, 195, Jr.)
RCB	4	LeQuan Lewis (5-11, 193, Sr.)
FS	10	Keelan Johnson (6-0, 201, So.)
SS	9	Clint Floyd (5-10, 198, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	28	Thomas Weber (6-1, 207, Sr.)
P	38	Trevor Hankins (6-3, 239, Sr.)

Sporting News All-American

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Brice Schwab
OL, 6-8, 320
Schwab decommitted from USC after Pete Carroll left for the Seattle Seahawks, and the Sun Devils benefited in a big way.

2 — Josh Fulton
TE, 6-4, 235
Fulton is difficult to tackle, but he can also split out wide and beat linebackers trying to cover him.

3 — Nduka Onyeali
DE, 6-1, 240
Onyeali was arguably the best player—if not the most productive—in the state of Colorado last season.

4 — Deantre Lewis
RB, 5-10, 189
Lewis is fast to the edge, follows his blockers well and keeps running after getting hit by the first defender.

5 — George Bell
WR, 6-3, 195
Bell has the explosion and playmaking ability to make an immediate impact.

COURTESY LAWRENCE GUY / ASU MEDIA RELATIONS

WASHINGTON STATE COUGARS 10

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.11	Montana State	

If the Cougars struggle against an FCS foe like Montana State, they can pack it in because the season is over and coach Paul Wulff will be job hunting.

S.18	@SMU	30-27 (OT)
S.25	USC	6-27
O.2	@UCLA	7-43
O.9	Oregon	6-52
O.16	Arizona	7-48
O.23	@STANFORD	13-39
O.30	@ARIZONA STATE	14-27
N.6	California	17-49
N.13	@OREGON STATE	10-42
D.4	Washington	0-30

TRAVIS LONG, DE

Washington State has been nothing short of atrocious the past two years, having been outscored 1,032-309. Yep, the Cougars have been beaten by 723 points in two seasons, which has enabled Paul Wulff to slide onto the hot seat even though he's coaching at his alma mater in only his third season.

At times, Wulff, who was hired away from Eastern Washington, has looked overmatched. Then again, he's also looked like a competent coach with an overmatched roster.

But only twice in the two years under Wulff have the Cougars looked like they belong in the FBS: when they beat Washington at the end of 2008 and edged SMU at the start of '09.

Perhaps the most depressing news for State fans is that even if the Cougars are improved in 2010, they're still one of the worst teams in the conference.

As wide open as the top of the Pac-10 appears to be, the bottom is nearly sealed shut. It will be a stunning development if Washington State doesn't finish last.

And that's despite returning eight starters on offense, nine on defense and improving the overall speed and size of the roster.

The team also has a promising young quarterback in Jeff Tuel, who last year became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for the Cougars since Drew Bledsoe. Injuries limited Tuel to six games and just 121 attempts, and he'll compete with veteran Marshall Lobbestael for the starting job.

"Jeff showed flashes of what we thought he would be when we recruited him," Wulff says, "but he still has a lot of room to grow as a quarterback."

If James Montgomery, a Cal transfer, is fully recovered from the compartment syndrome injury he suffered early last year, he'll be the Cougars' top running back.

The offensive line must replace all-conference center Kenny Alfred. If the unit can give Tuel (or Lobbestael) time to throw, the aerial attack just might be respectable.

The Cougars return their top four receivers in Jared Karstetter, Gino Simone, Jeff Solomon and Daniel Blackledge, who combined for 122 catches last season.

"We really need to see a big jump from these guys for our offense to keep progressing," Wulff says.

The same could be said of the defense—every unit, every position, every player. The Cougars haven't stopped anyone in years and won't start this fall unless defensive end Travis Long gets some consistent support.

Casey Hamlett has shown potential at the other end, and Myron Beck could be a difference-maker at linebacker. The secondary is loaded with versatility, as Chima Nwachukwu is capable of playing either cornerback or safety.

THE NEXT BIG THING
JEFF TUEL, QB

The sophomore quarterback was one of the few bright spots last season and will become a solid passer if he stays healthy.

BULLET POINTS

- The Cougars have closed the gap but still have the least-talented roster in the league.
- Another atrocious season and third-year coach Paul Wulff's job could be in jeopardy.
- WSU has plenty of position questions.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Jeff Tuel (6-3, 211, So.)
FB	37	Jared Byers (6-0, 224, So.)
RB	21	James Montgomery (5-10, 199, Sr.)
LOT	75	Tyson Pencer (6-7, 317, So.)
LOG	54	Zack Williams (6-4, 304, Sr.)
C	73	Andrew Roxas (6-2, 306, Jr.)
ROG	72	B.J. Guerra (6-3, 315, Jr.)
ROT	76	Micah Hannam (6-4, 285, Sr.)
TE	40	Skylar Stormo (6-5, 253, So.)
WR	2	Daniel Blackledge (6-0, 184, Sr.)
WR	84	Jared Karstetter (6-4, 206, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Casey Hamlett (6-3, 259, Sr.)
LDT	95	Bernard Wolfgramm (6-3, 288, Sr.)
RDT	90	Toby Turpin (6-5, 301, Sr.)
RDE	89	Travis Long (6-4, 256, So.)
SLB	13	Myron Beck (6-0, 213, Sr.)
MLB	44	Mike Ledgerwood (6-0, 233, Jr.)
WLB	43	Alex Hoffman-Ellis (6-1, 246, Jr.)
LCB	9	Aire Justin (5-11, 157, Jr.)
RCB	24	Daniel Simmons (5-10, 189, So.)
FS	15	LeAndre Daniels (6-2, 213, So.)
SS	21	Chima Nwachukwu (5-11, 201, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	18	Nico Grasu (6-1, 227, Sr.)
P	8	Reid Forrest (6-0, 194, Sr.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 1-11 PAC-10: 0-9

Coach: Paul Wulff, 3rd year (3-22)
Career record: 3-22
Offensive coordinator: Todd Sturdy (3rd year)
Defensive coordinators: Chris Ball (3rd year), Jody Sears (3rd year)

Stadium: Martin Stadium (37,600)
Tickets: 800-GO-COUGS
Site: Pullman
Official athletic Web site: www.wsucougars.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Connor Halliday
QB, 6-5, 185
Halliday has all the tools to be a star of the future. He showed great promise when he torched opponents last fall as a prep senior.

2 — Robert Jiles
WR, 6-0, 190
Jiles didn't garner the same attention that his teammates did at Pittsburg (Calif.) High, but he showed plenty of promise.

3 — Deone Bucannon
DB, 6-2, 185
Bucannon, a *Rivals'* Top 100 California player, has the size and talent to be an impact player from the start in Pullman.

4 — Rickey Galvin
RB, 5-8, 168
Because of his diminutive size, Galvin has the ability to hide behind bigger blockers and then bounce outside to open space.

5 — C.J. Mizell
LB, 6-3, 210
If things go well for Mizell, he could see early playing time. He's a former four-star recruit, which is a big deal at Washington State.

TRAVIS LONG / WASHINGTON STATE ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

SEC

STOCK REPORT ↑ UP ↓ DOWN ↔ STEADY

EAST

1 ↔ Florida
2 ↑ Georgia
3 ↑ South Carolina
4 ↓ Tennessee
5 ↔ Kentucky
6 ↓ Vanderbilt

WEST

1 ↔ Alabama
2 ↑ Auburn
3 ↔ LSU
4 ↑ Arkansas
5 ↓ Ole Miss
6 ↑ Mississippi State

RATING THE PLAYERS

Fastest Receiver
Deonte Thompson, Florida

Best Hands
Greg Childs, Arkansas

Best Passing QB
Ryan Mallett, Arkansas

Best Running QB
Cam Newton, Auburn

Most Elusive RB
Mark Ingram, Alabama

Best Instincts
A.J. Green, WR, Georgia

Best Athlete
Jeff Demps, RB, Florida

Best Under Pressure
Randall Cobb, RB/WR, Kentucky

Top NFL Prospect
Patrick Peterson, CB, LSU

Top Impact Freshman
Sharrif Floyd, DT, Florida

Hardest Hitter
Marcell Dareus, DE, Alabama

Biggest Underachiever
Patrick Patterson, WR, Ole Miss

Best Interview
Greg McElroy, QB, Alabama

Best Coach
Urban Meyer, Florida

Best Recruiter
Nick Saban, Alabama

Worst Road Trip
Mississippi State (Starkville)

SEC should come back to earth—if ever so slightly—in 2010

By Jeremy Fowler, *Orlando Sentinel*

The SEC hasn't loosened its grip on college football, but sustaining the invincibility will be a challenge in 2010.

The league, fresh off four straight national titles, doesn't have the clear-cut national title favorites of years past.

Defending champion Alabama should be in contention, but replacing nine defensive starters is an arduous task even for Nick Saban.

Florida, winners of the 2006 and 2008 titles, lost its top seven players and almost lost coach Urban Meyer for health reasons.

On paper, traditional powers Georgia, Tennessee and LSU aren't ready for BCS runs.

Seven league teams entered spring ball with a quarterback battle that won't be solidified until the fall. Even a couple of established quarterbacks—LSU's Jordan Jefferson and South Carolina's Stephen Garcia—struggled in the spring.

Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen says making the SEC title game in Atlanta is attainable this year.

"Even teams not dominant early in the season can still believe that if they win home games and steal one or two on the road, they can win their side of the conference," Mullen says. "It's right there for you. That's the beauty of this league."

If Alabama and Florida fail to meet for a third consecutive SEC championship, look for South Carolina to make a run in the East and Auburn, LSU or Arkansas to do so in the West. The Gamecocks and Razorbacks are two of four SEC teams returning 15 or more starters from a team that won at least seven games last year.

The SEC leads all conferences in BCS bowl wins (14) and sent 10 teams to the postseason last year, compiling a 6-4 record.

Perhaps SEC championship talent is packaged the same way—just with new faces.

"The team that wins big will have the least amount of injuries and will be peaking at the end of the season," Tennessee defensive end Chris Walker says.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Barton Simmons, *Rivals.com*

1. FLORIDA The Gators signed four five-star prospects, three of whom are part of a eye-popping haul on the defensive line.

2. AUBURN Gene Chizik made a huge splash by going after only the elite recruits in the Southeast—and landing many of them.

3. ALABAMA Alabama landed the No. 5 class in the country after two consecutive years as the nation's top class.

4. LSU The Tigers closed with another top-10 class, thanks in part to getting national recruits like Kadron Boone and J.R. Ferguson late.

5. TENNESSEE The Vols signed outstanding players in Justin Hunter, James Stone, Rajion Neal and Da'Rick Rogers.

6. GEORGIA Elite prospects such as Brent Benedict, T.J. Stripling and Alec Ogletree kept the Bulldogs within the country's top 15 classes.

7. OLE MISS Some big late pickups should help Ole Miss continue to compete for SEC West titles.

8. SOUTH CAROLINA After landing running back Marcus Lattimore, Steve Spurrier will have all the talent he needs to build a scary rushing attack.

9. MISSISSIPPI STATE The Bulldogs did a nice job landing in-state targets and giving themselves a presence in SEC recruiting.

10. ARKANSAS After bringing in some skill-position talent previously, Arkansas reeled in some top players on both lines.

11. KENTUCKY Kentucky again found diamonds in the SEC recruiting landscape. This year's example is a trio out of Georgia.

12. VANDERBILT This is the most talented class of the Bobby Johnson era, and it includes several highly recruited prospects.

ALL-SEC

OFFENSE

QB > Ryan Mallett, Jr., Arkansas
RB > Mark Ingram, Jr., Alabama
RB > Randall Cobb, Jr., Kentucky
OL > Lee Ziemba, Sr., Auburn
OL > Clint Boling, Sr., Georgia
OL > Mike Pouncey, Sr., Florida
OL > Barrett Jones, So., Alabama
OL > Derek Sherrod, Sr., Mississippi State
TE > D.J. Williams, Sr., Arkansas
WR > Julio Jones, Jr., Alabama
WR > A.J. Green, Jr., Georgia

DEFENSE

DL > Marcell Dareus, Jr., Alabama
DL > Cliff Matthews, Sr., South Carolina
DL > Pernell McPhee, Sr., Mississippi State
DL > Jerrell Powe, Sr., Ole Miss
LB > Kelvin Sheppard, Sr., LSU
LB > Josh Bynes, Sr., Auburn
LB > Dont'a Hightower, Jr., Alabama
DB > Patrick Peterson, Jr., LSU
DB > Janoris Jenkins, Jr., Florida
DB > Ahmad Black, Sr., Florida
DB > Mark Barron, Jr., Alabama

SPECIALISTS

K > Wes Byrum, Sr., Auburn
P > Drew Butler, Jr., Georgia

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1 The SEC's streak of four straight national titles will end. Alabama and Florida will play for a third consecutive SEC championship in Atlanta, but each team has too much youth at too many key positions.

2 Either LSU's Les Miles or Georgia's Mark Richt will be on the hot seat after 2010. Two of the league's coaching staples are at schools with too much tradition to accept average seasons.

3 South Carolina will win 10 games and give Steve Spurrier a reason not to retire because of returning depth and a favorable schedule.

4 By season's end, Florida's John Brantley will be the league's best quarterback. In Year 1 as the Gators' starter, Brantley has the arm strength and accuracy to spread the ball around and lead Florida into another BCS bowl. Arkansas' Ryan Mallett is the best, but Brantley will steadily gain ground all year.

ASCENDING

ARKANSAS ▸ If the defense comes around, Arkansas could knock off Alabama for the SEC West crown. But that's a big "if" after sporting one of the league's worst defenses in 2009. The Hogs' offense can compete with anyone in the country.

DESCENDING

TENNESSEE ▸ The Volunteers could be looking at six wins or fewer for the second time in three seasons. The Derek Dooley era will take some time after inheriting a lineup void of any experience at too many positions.

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BIG GAME WINNERS FROM 2009

50 UNIT COLLEGE KICKOFF			**100-UNIT NFC GAME OF THE YEAR**		
S5	Texas A&M (-15)	New Mexico WON 41-6	O18	Panthers (-3)	Buccaneers WON 28-21
100 UNIT SEPTEMBER COLLEGE BLOWOUT			**200-UNIT PERSONAL BEST COLLEGE GAME OF THE YEAR**		
S12	BYU (-18)	Tulane WON 54-3	N7	Fresno St. (-9½)	Idaho WON 31-21
50 UNIT NFL OPENING WEEK BLOWOUT			**100-UNIT NOVEMBER COLLEGE GAME OF MONTH**		
S13	Ravens (-12½)	Chiefs WON 38-24	N20	C.Florida (-22)	Tulane WON 49-0
100-UNIT AFC GAME OF THE YEAR			**200-UNIT NFL BLOWOUT OF THE YEAR**		
O11	Bengals (+8½)	Ravens WON 17-14	N22	Patriots (-10½)	Jets WON 31-14
100-UNIT OCTOBER MISMATCH OF THE MONTH			**200-UNIT NFL BLOWOUT FINALE**		
O17	Houston (-17)	Tulane WON 44-16	J3	Bills (-8)	Colts WON 30-7

D5	**200 UNIT COLLEGE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND SLAM**		
50-Units	E. Carolina (+2½)	Houston	WON 38-32
50-Units	Alabama (+5)	Florida	WON 32-13
50-Units	Georgia Tech (PK)	Clemson	WON 39-34
50-Units	Texas (-14)	Nebraska	Lost 13-12
D13	**150-UNIT NFL GRAND SLAM**		
25 Units	Colts (-6½)	Broncos	WON 28-16
25 Units	Jets (-4)	Buccaneers	WON 26-3
25 Units	Bills (-2)	Chiefs	WON 16-10
25 Units	Texas (-7)	Seahawks	WON 34-7
20 Units	4-Team Parlay		SWEEPS 4-0
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- Only sports handicapper to ever address the United States Congress on the subject of sports handicapping.

1 FLORIDA GATORS

JEFFERY DEMPS, RB

BULLET POINTS

- The offense might improve behind an experienced backfield, a seasoned offensive line and plenty of talented young playmakers.
- A defense full of last year's role players must prove it belongs.
- Questions surround leadership with Tim Tebow and Brandon Spikes gone.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Miami (Ohio)	
S.11	South Florida	
S.18	@ TENNESSEE	23-13
S.25	Kentucky	41-7
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	**@ ALABAMA**	**13-32**

The last time Florida visited Bryant-Denny Stadium, Urban Meyer suffered the worst loss of his Gators career, a 31-3 pounding in 2005. Knocking off the Tide would be sweet payback for Florida.

O.9	LSU	13-3
O.16	Mississippi State	29-19
O.30	Georgia*	41-17
N.6	@VANDERBILT	27-3
N.13	South Carolina	24-14
N.20	Appalachian State	37-10
N.27	@ FLORIDA STATE	

*at Jacksonville, Fla.

BOWL PROJECTION

SUGAR BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
JOHN BRANTLEY, QB

The Brantley era begins after three years of waiting behind Tim Tebow, and nobody doubts Brantley's arm strength. The former Gatorade National High School Player of the Year completed 36 of 48 passes for 410 yards with seven touchdowns and no interceptions as Tebow's backup in 2009.

After months of debate about whether coach Urban Meyer can overcome stress and undisclosed medical issues to coach the Florida Gators long term, the most potent medicine could be delivered this fall.

Expectations will shrink, at least compared to last year's championship-or-bust outlook. The mounting pressures throughout the 2009 season boiled Meyer's stress level and prompted a short leave of absence during the offseason.

With Tim Tebow and plenty of leaders gone, Gator fans might accept the circumstances and embrace a lesser finish.

Yet Meyer handles losing as well as Tebow plays subtle. How will Florida respond if the Gators face a couple of ugly Saturdays in a row? Alabama and LSU are looming on the schedule for the first two weeks of October.

Meyer certainly hasn't lost his fire after publicly scolding a reporter during spring practices over the use of a quote by wide receiver Deonte Thompson calling Tebow's replacement John Brantley "a real quarterback."

Meyer got ripped by the national media for the incident, but his outburst might be proof that he's back after quitting on his team in late December.

For a group now relying on many of last year's backups at key positions, a fiery leader from the sidelines is necessary.

Meyer's passion for his players is more predictable than whether the new-look Gators will show consistency in 2010.

Brantley, a redshirt junior, has the quarterback pedigree and a prototypical arm, but only poise will get his Gators out of Knoxville or Tuscaloosa with a win in 2010.

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Florida loses six defensive starters, including linebacker Brandon Spikes, defensive end Carlos Dunlap and cornerback Joe Haden.

Wideout Riley Cooper and tight end Aaron Hernandez, both in the NFL, combined for 65 percent of Tebow's passing offense last year.

The leading returning receiver, Thompson, caught 24 passes for 343 yards and four touchdowns a year ago.

And yet the offense could still improve on last year's SEC-leading 442.4 yards of total offense per game.

Brantley has built chemistry with the unproven yet talented young receivers for years in practice.

"The goal this year is to see what the face of our offense is going to be," offensive coordinator Steve Addazio says. "Who are we? What are we going to be? I really don't know that yet."

Last year's offense relied on Tebow's legs. Of Florida's 555 carries, 217 came from Tebow, who finished with a team-high 910 yards.

SEC foes caught onto the trend, as the Gators converted just two of 15 red zone trips for touchdowns during a midseason stretch.

Addazio, who served as interim coach during Meyer's leave of absence from January to late February, says the spring served as "ground zero" for the offensive retooling.

"It's going to be different," Addazio says. "We were an option football team a lot last year. We'll still run option football, but you're going to see those 10 carries will be equated probably into tailback carries, divided up among tailback carries and throws. That makes you different for sure."

Young receivers such as Frankie Hammond Jr., Omarius Hines and T.J. Lawrence are ready to flourish under Brantley's pass-happy leadership. Andre Debose, deemed as the next Percy Harvin out of high school, spent the last year recovering from hamstring surgery.

The Florida defense must shape a new identity while fighting to match the intensity of one of the country's best units in 2009. Florida played six games without allowing a defensive touchdown last year under former defensive coordinator Charlie Strong, now Louisville's head coach.

Replacing Strong is former Arizona Cardinals defensive backs coach Teryl Austin, who will rely on a handful of leftover veterans and undeniable young talent.

Safety Ahmad Black, defensive end Justin Trattou and linebackers Brandon Hicks and A.J. Jones must provide leadership as senior starters.

Incoming freshmen such as defensive end Ronald Powell and defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd could push for starting spots to accentuate the star-studded 2010 recruiting class, arguably Meyer's best.

RECRUITING REPORT

This is one of the top recruiting classes by any school in recent memory. Urban Meyer's group is led by four five-star prospects.

The talent starts on the defensive line, where the Gators are bringing in as good a unit as one could imagine. The lineman group features three five-star players in **Ronald Powell, Shariff Floyd** and **Dominique Easley** and another highly regarded four-star prospect in **Leon Orr. Matt Elam,** a versatile safety/linebacker, adds to the five-star tally. Elam was one of the top prospects in Florida.

Though UF signed only two offensive linemen, **Ian Silberman** and **Chaz Green** are two of the best in the nation. The rich are also getting richer in the speed category, too, with outstanding athletes like **Jonathan Dowling, Jaylen Watkins, Jordan Haden, Mack Brown** and **Chris Dunkley** all heading to Florida.

—Barton Simmons, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 13-1 SEC: 8-0
(beat Cincinnati in the Sugar Bowl, 51-24)

Coach: Urban Meyer, 6th year (57-10)
Career record: 96-18
Offensive coordinator: Steve Addazio (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Teryl Austin (1st year)

Stadium: Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (88,548)
Tickets: 877-428-6742
Site: Gainesville
Official athletic Web site: www.gatorzone.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

John Brantley	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	6	194.88	48-36-0	75.0	410	7	68.3

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jeffery Demps	14	99	745	7.5	7	53.2

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Deonte Thompson	10	24	343	14.3	4	34.3

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Ahmad Black	14	36	34	70

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Brandon Hicks	13	4	18

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
A.J. Jones	3	1	.3	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	John Brantley (6-3, 218, Jr.)
	13	Trey Burton (6-2, 219, Fr.)
RB	2	Jeffery Demps (5-8, 184, Jr.)
	3	Chris Rainey (5-9, 176, Jr.)
LOT	73	Xavier Nixon (6-5, 300, So.)
	71	Matt Patchan (6-6, 273, Jr.)
LOG	57	Carl Johnson (6-5, 360, Sr.)
	66	James Wilson (6-3, 315, Jr.)
C	50	Sam Robey (6-4, 293, So.)
	64	Kyle Koehne (6-5, 300, Fr.)
ROG	55	Mike Pouncey (6-4, 310, Sr.)
	74	Maurice Hurt (6-3, 320, Sr.)
ROT	76	Marcus Gilbert (6-5, 322, Sr.)
	78	David Young (6-4, 304, So.)
TE	45	T.J. Pridemore (6-1, 247, So.)
	80	Desmond Parks (6-4, 238, Fr.)
WR	6	Deonte Thompson (5-11, 203, Jr.)
	85	Frankie Hammond (5-11, 178, So.)
WR	7	Justin Williams (6-0, 205, Sr.)
	9	Carl Moore (6-3, 222, Sr.)
WR	83	David Nelson (6-5, 212, Sr.)
	82	Omarius Hines (6-0, 219, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Justin Trattou (6-3, 252, Sr.)
	44	Duke Lemmens (6-3, 253, Sr.)
LDT	90	Lawrence Marsh (6-5, 288, Sr.)
	48	Neiron Ball (6-2, 214, Fr.)
RDT	92	Terron Sanders (6-1, 312, Sr.)
	6	Jaye Howard (6-3, 295, Jr.)
RDE	96	William Green (6-3, 250, Jr.)
	34	Lerentee McCray (6-2, 240, Jr.)
SLB	40	Brandon Hicks (6-2, 228, Sr.)
	26	Lorenzo Edwards (6-1, 246, Sr.)
MLB	52	Jon Bostic (6-1, 236, So.)
	16	A.J. Jones (6-1, 226, Sr.)
WLB	32	Dustin Doe (6-0, 231, Sr.)
	43	Jelani Jenkins (6-0, 220, Fr.)
LCB	1	Janoris Jenkins (5-11, 186, Jr.)
	36	Moses Jenkins (6-2, 188, Sr.)
RCB	28	Jeremy Brown (5-10, 182, So.)
	23	Corey Henderson (6-0, 170, Jr.)
FS	10	Will Hill (6-1, 204, Jr.)
	24	Josh Evans (6-1, 191, So.)
SS	35	Ahmad Black (5-9, 189, Sr.)
	42	Miguel Carodine (5-10, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	19	Caleb Sturgis (5-10, 192, Jr.)
P	17	Chas Henry (6-3, 222, Sr.)

Sporting News All-American

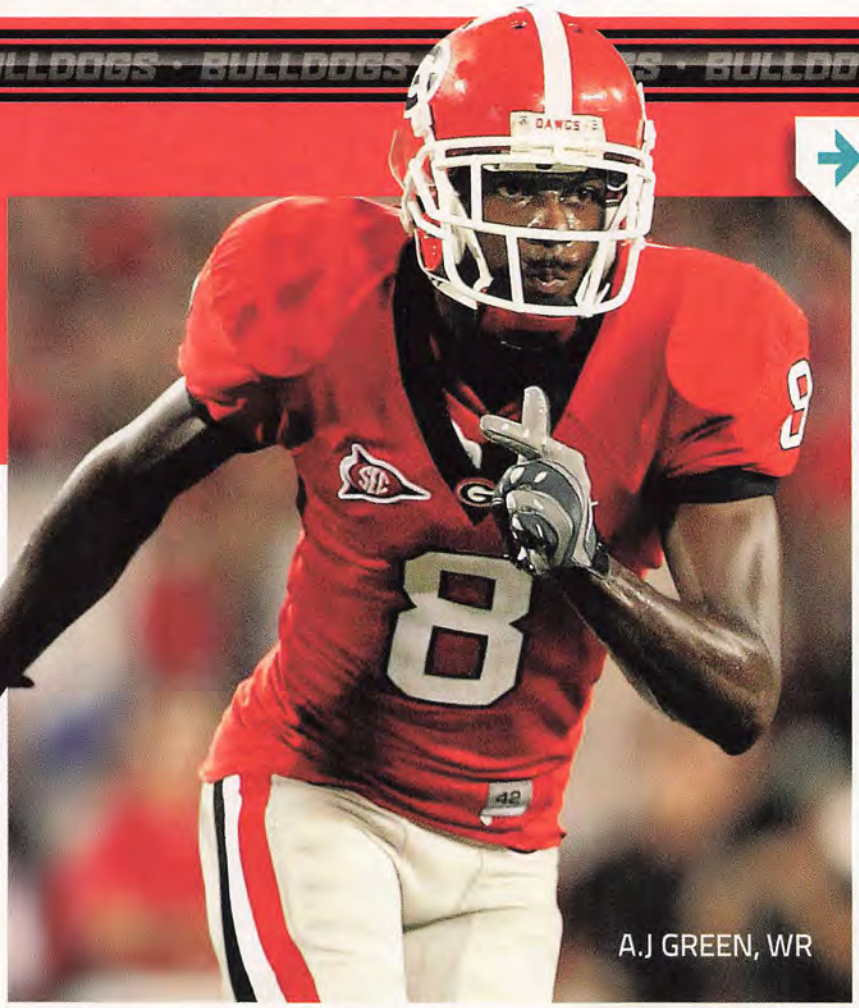
2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	FLORIDA	OPP
SCORING	502	174
Points Per Game	35.9	12.4
FIRST DOWNS	314	208
Rushing	158	84
Passing	142	103
Penalty	14	21
RUSHING YARDAGE	3105	1397
Yards gained rushing	3360	1797
Yards lost rushing	255	400
Rushing Attempts	555	449
Average Per Rush	5.6	3.1
Average Per Game	221.8	99.8
TDs Rushing	30	6
PASSING YARDAGE	3305	2139
Att-Comp-Int	249-364-5	208-396-20
Average Per Pass	9.1	5.4
Average Per Catch	13.3	10.3
Average Per Game	236.1	152.8
TDs Passing	28	10
TOTAL OFFENSE	6410	3536
Total Plays	919	845
Average Per Play	7.0	4.2
Average Per Game	457.9	252.6
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	40-1055	85-1783
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	40-300	5-21
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	20-199	5-120

TEAM STATISTICS	FLORIDA	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	26.4	21.0
PUNT RETURN AVG.	7.5	4.2
INT RETURN AVG.	9.9	24.0
FUMBLES-LOST	17-11	19-3
PENALTIES-YARDS	95-735	78-638
Average Per Game	52.5	45.6
PUNTS-YARDS	34-1476	81-3253
Average Per Punt	43.4	40.2
Net punt average	41.0	35.7
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:45	29:15
3RD-DOWN CONV.	87/177	58/194
3rd-Down Pct.	49%	30%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	11/17	11/22
4th-Down Pct.	65%	50%
SACKS BY-YARDS	39-250	28-143
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	63	18
FG-ATTEMPTS	22-31	17-21
PAT-ATTEMPTS	58-63	15-16
ATTENDANCE	634446	300615
Games/Avg Per Game	7/90635	4/75154
Neutral Site Games		3/75108

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Florida	121	182	101	98	502
Opponent	25	66	36	47	174

2 GEORGIA BULLDOGS


A.J GREEN, WR

BULLET POINTS

- An experienced offense must wait for a new quarterback to develop.
- Questions surround whether there are enough elite game-changers to support receiver A.J. Green.
- The defense should be faster and more disruptive in a new 3-4 scheme.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Louisiana-Lafayette	
S.11	@SOUTH CAROLINA	41-37
S.18	Arkansas	52-41
S.25	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O.2	@COLORADO	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	Tennessee	00-00

Georgia finally eased up on the nonconference schedule, so by October the Bulldogs could have a respectable record and their team identity intact. A healthy rivalry game with the Vols will bring the best—or the worst—out of the Dawgs.

O.16	Vanderbilt	34-10
O.23	@KENTUCKY	27-34
O.30	@FLORIDA*	17-41
N.6	Idaho State	
N.13	@AUBURN	31-24
N.27	Georgia Tech	30-24

** at Jacksonville, Fla.*

BOWL PROJECTION

OUTBACK BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
WASHAUN EALEY, RB

Whichever quarterback wins the starting job will be inexperienced and in need of a potent running game. Insert Ealey, who showed promise as a freshman last season with 717 yards on 125 carries.

During last year's 8-5 campaign, Georgia finished 10th in the SEC in scoring defense and fell to the bottom half of the league in most major offensive categories.

The 2010 season couldn't have come quickly enough.

After almost a decade of college football excellence, Georgia coach Mark Richt must prove himself for once as he enters his 10th year.

The Bulldogs won four of their last five games in 2009, but they needed a clean break from former defensive coordinator Willie Martinez while establishing a future at quarterback after the one-year Joe Cox era quickly soured.

The quarterback battle between junior Logan Gray and redshirt freshman Aaron Murray could see plenty of momentum changes before the season.

Meanwhile, the expectations at Georgia have not changed despite the deviation from Richt's standard of double-digit-win seasons.

"There's a new level of energy and a new level of excitement," says Richt, one of seven college coaches in history to win at least 80 games in his first eight seasons. "I think it's critical we identify the players I feel like can help us compete for an SEC championship."

Part of that process is secure behind wide receiver A.J. Green, arguably the country's best, and all five returning starters from an offensive line that allowed a league-low 12 sacks in '09.

Sophomore running back Washaun Ealey, who recorded 717 yards last season in nine games, could form a potent tandem with Green. Caleb King will also provide backfield firepower.

Ealey says offensive coordinator Mike Bobo, who took some heat last season for an erratic offense, wants Georgia to revisit the program's run-heavy identity.

The inexperienced new quarterback will need the help. Murray, a former high school star from Plant High in Tampa, Fla., could have the job's inside track, but Richt did not name a starter in the spring.

"Every great team runs the ball," Ealey says. "We've just been talking

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about gaining yards. We know we left a lot of yards out there on the field last year."

Replacing Martinez is Todd Grantham, the former Dallas Cowboys' defensive line coach who is transitioning the Bulldogs into a 3-4 defense.

Many of Georgia's defensive leaders are gone, including linebacker Rennie Curran and linemen Jeff Owens and Geno Atkins.

But such star power didn't help the Bulldogs erase an SEC-worst two turnovers off fumbles and 23 touchdown passes allowed last season.

Georgia spent all spring playing chess with its various defensive pieces. Now, switching positions seems normal.

Justin Houston will move from defensive end to outside linebacker despite leading the team in sacks (7.5) and tackles for a loss (15) in 2009. Former lineman Cornelius Washington also makes a similar transition.

DeAngelo Tyson, Demarcus Dobbs and Abry Jones have emerged on the line, while defensive backs Brandon Boykin and Nick Williams needed another year of experience to match their talent.

The players don't seem to mind the changes, as long as they can play liberated football.

"I just see the energy and how people are flying to the ball," says linebacker Marcus Dowtin, the team's leading returning tackler (57). "With the athletes we've got, I think it's going to be a shock to everybody."

RECRUITING REPORT

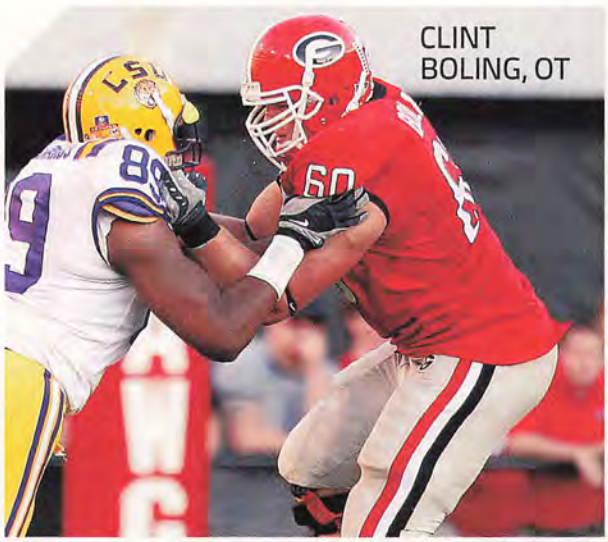
Mark Richt has built high expectations in Athens. Before February, when the Bulldogs finished with the No. 15 class in the nation, Georgia had a string of top-10 recruiting classes dating back to 2002. Still, the Bulldogs brought in a number of high-upside kids in the class of 2010.

T.J. Stripling is a lanky, wiry and athletic defensive end. **Brent Benedict** is one of the nation's top linemen, but has to recover from a devastating knee injury suffered in his senior year.

Alec Ogletree is a major pickup from within the state, as are defensive tackles **Mike Thornton** and **Garrison Smith**. Junior college prospect **Jakar Hamilton** adds instant depth at safety and could start immediately.

Running back **Ken Malcome,** quarterback **Hutson Mason** and defensive ends **Jalen Fields** and **Dexter Morant** are among the other notables in this class. Mason received a late offer from Richt after setting a Georgia prep record by passing for 4,582 yards and 57 touchdowns as a senior.

—Barton Simmons, Rivals.com



TODD KIRKLAND / ICON SMI / NEWSCOM

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 SEC: 4-4
(beat Texas A&M in the Independence Bowl, 44-20)

Coach: Mark Richt, 10th year (90-27)
Career record: 90-27
Offensive coordinator: Mike Bobo (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Todd Grantham (1st year)

Stadium: Sanford Stadium (92,746)
Tickets: 877-542-1231
Site: Athens
Official athletic Web site: www.georgiadogs.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Logan Gray	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	5	30.03	12-5-2	41.7	31	0	6.2

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Washaun Ealey	9	125	717	5.7	3	79.7

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
A.J. Green	10	53	808	15.2	6	80.8

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Marcus Dowtin	11	24	33	57

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Justin Houston	10	7.5	42

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Brandon Boykin	3	3	1.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	11	Aaron Murray (6-1, 206, r-Fr.)
	6	Logan Gray (6-2, 192, Jr.)
FB	49	Shaun Chapas (6-2, 245, Sr.)
	48	Fred Munzenmaier (6-2, 240, Sr.)
RB	24	Washaun Ealey (5-11, 205, So.)
	4	Caleb King (5-11, 210, Jr.)
LOT	60	Clint Boling (6-5, 304, Sr.)
	77	Trinton Sturdivant (6-5, 306, Jr.)
LOG	71	Cordy Glenn (6-5, 328, Jr.)
	54	Tanner Strickland (6-5, 328, Jr.)
C	61	Ben Jones (6-3, 300, Jr.)
	64	Dallas Lee (6-4, 296, Fr.)
ROG	63	Chris Davis (6-4, 295, Sr.)
	76	Ben Harden (6-3, 313, So.)
ROT	78	Josh Davis (6-6, 300, Sr.)
	55	Josh Parrish (6-4, 290, So.)
TE	81	Aron White (6-4, 236, Jr.)
	7	Orson Charles (6-3, 230, So.)
WR	12	Tavarres King (6-1, 180, So.)
	16	Kris Durham (6-5, 209, Sr.)
WR	8	A.J. Green (6-4, 207, Jr.)
	17	Rantavious Wooten (5-10, 170, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	93	Abry Jones (6-3, 290, So.)
	97	Brandon Wood (6-1, 286, Sr.)
NT	94	DeAngelo Tyson (6-2, 294, Jr.)
	99	Kwame Geathers (6-6, 326, r-Fr.)
RDE	58	Demarcus Dobbs (6-2, 274, Sr.)
	74	Kiante Tripp (6-6, 275, Sr.)
OLB	42	Justin Houston (6-3, 259, Jr.)
	95	Reuben Faloughi (6-5, 240, r-Fr.)
ILB	45	Christian Robinson (6-2, 212, So.)
	38	Marcus Dowtin (6-2, 220, So.)
ILB	51	Akeem Dent (6-2, 233, Sr.)
	35	Mike Gilliard (6-2, 220, So.)
OLB	83	Cornelius Washington (6-4, 238, So.)
	50	Darryl Gamble (6-2, 250, Sr.)
LCB	1	Branden Smith (5-11, 175, So.)
	19	Sanders Commings (6-2, 214, Fr.)
RCB	2	Brandon Boykin (5-10, 185, So.)
	25	Vance Cuff (5-11, 177, Sr.)
FS	16	Josh Murray (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	23	Jakar Hamilton (6-2, 200, Jr.)
SS	39	Nick Williams (6-2, 219, So.)
	31	Quintin Banks (6-2, 213, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	57	Blair Walsh (5-10, 185, Jr.)
P	13	Drew Butler (6-2, 203, Jr.)

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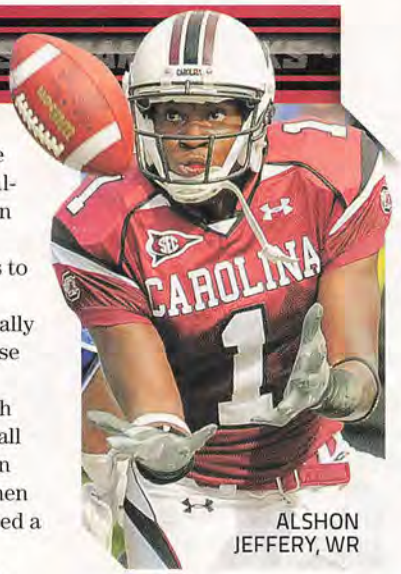
2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	GEORGIA	OPP
SCORING	376	337
Points Per Game	28.9	25.9
FIRST DOWNS	226	239
Rushing	96	94
Passing	116	124
Penalty	14	21
RUSHING YARDAGE	2093	1640
Yards gained rushing	2346	2009
Yards lost rushing	253	369
Rushing Attempts	447	480
Average Per Rush	4.7	3.4
Average Per Game	161.0	126.2
TDs Rushing	17	12
PASSING YARDAGE	2615	2772
Att-Comp-Int	190-346-17	218-388-10
Average Per Pass	7.6	7.1
Average Per Catch	13.8	12.7
Average Per Game	201.2	213.2
TDs Passing	24	25
TOTAL OFFENSE	4708	4412
Total Plays	793	868
Average Per Play	5.9	5.1
Average Per Game	362.2	339.4
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	60-1327	56-1440
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	23-255	23-242
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	10-135	17-171

TEAM STATISTICS	GEORGIA	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	22.1	25.7
PUNT RETURN AVG.	11.1	10.5
INT RETURN AVG.	13.5	10.1
FUMBLES-LOST	23-11	18-2
PENALTIES-YARDS	105-878	94-758
Average Per Game	67.5	58.3
PUNTS-YARDS	56-2691	70-2801
Average Per Punt	48.1	40.0
Net punt average	41.9	35.2
TIME OF POSS./GAME	29:28	30:32
3RD-DOWN CONV.	66/167	69/183
3rd-Down Pct.	40%	38%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	8/14	9/19
4th-Down Pct.	57%	47%
SACKS BY-YARDS	30-204	12-96
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	45	41
FG-ATTEMPTS	20-22	17-20
PAT-ATTEMPTS	42-43	36-37
ATTENDANCE	556476	324230
Games/Avg Per Game	6/92746	5/64846
Neutral Site Games		2/67128

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Georgia	83	124	86	83	376
Opponent	78	63	112	84	337

3 SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS



ALSHON JEFFERY, WR

Excuse Steve Spurrier for applying the pressure to his players these days. He even publicly challenged third-year starting quarterback Stephen Garcia all spring.

This is, after all, Spurrier's best chance in six years to regain his "head ball coach" magic in Columbia.

The first and second spots in the SEC East are usually reserved for Florida, Tennessee and Georgia, but those three programs face uncertainties this fall.

The Gamecocks, meanwhile, return 15 starters with plenty of young talent developing. The window is small for Spurrier to provide South Carolina with more than nine wins in a season for the first time since 1984, when the team went 10-2. But South Carolina hasn't recorded a nine-win season since 2001.

A breakthrough won't happen without mustering a respectable running game and avoiding sacks.

Spurrier says the Gamecocks are developing depth at every position in case Garcia or anyone else isn't ready to perform.

Famous for starting hot and fizzling late, South Carolina just doesn't get it done in November. The Gamecocks are a combined 3-12 in the final five games of the last three seasons, including two consecutive bowl losses.

This year's team aims to change that trend.

Fueled by a reputable defense that hasn't always enjoyed offensive support, the Gamecocks hired new offensive line/running game coordinator Shawn Elliott from Appalachian State to pair with quarterbacks coach G.A. Mangus, who might call the plays this year.

Despite showing growth as a redshirt sophomore, Garcia took 34 sacks in the 2009 regular season behind a running game that ranked last in the conference with 125 yards per contest.

No wonder South Carolina is on its third offensive line coach in as many years.

Ready to curb the backfield losses is Marcus Lattimore, the country's top tailback in the 2010 recruiting class. Sophomore Kenny Miles and senior Brian Maddox could join Lattimore to form a potent running back committee.

Garcia, who finished second in the league with 2,733 passing yards in the regular season, plans to cut his sacks in half by expediting his reading of opposing defenses. A big year could thrust him into the conversation of elite SEC quarterbacks.

He must develop more chemistry with his basketball roster of deep-threat playmakers: 6-6 tight end Weslye Saunders, 6-5 wide receiver Tori Gurley and 6-4 wideout Alshon Jeffery.

THE NEXT BIG THING
STEPHON GILMORE, CB

As a freshman, Gilmore showed that the Gamecocks' defense could put him on an island and he wouldn't get burned too often. Improvement as a sophomore could thrust Gilmore into a conversation about the top cornerbacks in the SEC after 56 tackles and an interception last season.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 SEC: 4-4
(lost to Connecticut in the Papajohns.com Bowl, 20-7)

Coach: Steve Spurrier, 6th year (35-28)
Career record: 177-68-2
Offensive coordinator: Steve Spurrier (6th year)
Defensive coordinator: Lorenzo Ward (2nd year)

Stadium: Williams-Brice Stadium (80,250)
Tickets: 800-472-3267
Site: Columbia
Official athletic Web site: www.uscsports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Southern Miss	
S.11	Georgia	37-41
S.18	Furman	
S.25	@AUBURN	
O.9	Alabama	6-20
O.16	@KENTUCKY	28-26
O.23	@VANDERBILT	14-10
O.30	Tennessee	13-31
N.6	Arkansas	16-33
GAME TO WATCH		
N.13	**@ Florida**	**14-24**

After making a habit of winning early in the season but struggling in November, the Gamecocks could erase years of frustration with a late-season win over Florida. They had the Gators on the ropes last season.

N.20	Troy	
N.27	@CLEMSON	34-17

BOWL PROJECTION
GATOR BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- South Carolina is one of the SEC's most seasoned teams with 15 starters returning.
- The quarterback play of Stephen Garcia should be improved as he enters his third year as starter.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	5	Stephen Garcia (6-2, 230, Jr.)
FB	47	Patrick DiMarco (6-1, 234, Sr.)
RB	31	Kenny Miles (5-9, 187, So.)
LOT	68	Kyle Nunn (6-6, 304, Jr.)
LOG	76	Jarriel King (6-5, 310, Sr.)
C	55	T.J. Johnson (6-5, 305, So.)
ROG	73	Rokevious Watkins (6-4, 319, Jr.)
ROT	97	Duane Chisolm (6-2, 256, Fr.)
TE	88	Weslye Saunders (6-6, 273, Sr.)
WR	1	Alshon Jeffery (6-4, 237, So.)
WR	81	Tori Gurley (6-5, 230, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	98	Devin Taylor (6-6, 244, So.)
LDT	42	Travian Robertson (6-5, 298, Jr.)
RDT	91	Ladi Ajiboye (6-2, 278, Sr.)
RDE	83	Cliff Matthews (6-4, 260, Sr.)
WLB	16	Shaq Wilson (5-10, 226, Jr.)
MLB	45	Rodney Paulk (6-0, 226, Sr.)
SLB	26	Antonio Allen (6-1, 201, Jr.)
LCB	17	Chris Culliver (6-1, 197, Sr.)
RCB	5	Stephon Gilmore (6-1, 188, So.)
FS	3	Akeem Auguste (5-10, 186, Jr.)
SS	21	DeVonte Holloman (6-3, 226, So.)

SPECIALISTS

KFG	34	Spencer Lanning (6-0, 194, Sr.)
P	34	Spencer Lanning (6-0, 194, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Marcus Lattimore
RB, 6-0, 210
Lattimore, the nation's top prep running back, is one of the most heralded recruits to ever sign with South Carolina.

2
Victor Hampton
CB, 5-11, 170
Hampton is a potential shutdown corner with size, speed and ball skills.

3
Kelcy Quarles
DT, 6-4, 265
This U.S. Army All-American has a great body for the defensive line. He is very explosive off the snap.

4
A.J. Cann
OL, 6-3, 260
Though undersized, Cann makes up for it with a nasty attitude and terrific physicality. He could play guard, center or defensive tackle.

5
Ace Sanders
WR, 5-9, 165
Despite being undersized, Sanders may be the most exciting signee in the class. He has great ability to gain yards after the catch.

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TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Tennessee-Martin	
S.11	Oregon	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**Florida**	**13-23**
S.25	UAB	
O.2	@LSU	
O.9	@GEORGIA	45-19
O.23	Alabama	10-12
O.30	@SOUTH CAROLINA	31-13
N.6	@MEMPHIS	56-28
N.13	Ole Miss	17-42
N.20	@VANDERBILT	31-16
N.27	Kentucky	30-24 (OT)

Even without Lane Kiffin's theatrics, the Florida-UT matchup still holds major weight. Nothing would endear Dooley more to Vol fans than breaking a 5-game losing streak.

GERALD JONES, WR

BULLET POINTS

- The Vols are basically starting over at offensive line, quarterback and running back.
- The program is adjusting to its third coach in as many years.
- There are still playmakers on defense.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	2	Matt Simms (6-3, 209, Jr.)
FB	45	Kevin Cooper (6-0, 254, Sr.)
RB	28	Tauren Poole (5-11, 211, Jr.)
LOT	71	Dallas Thomas (6-5, 284, So.)
LOG	77	Cody Pope (6-6, 290, Jr.)
C	52	Victor Thomas (6-3, 282, Sr.)
ROG	74	Jarrod Shaw (6-4, 322, Sr.)
ROT	78	Aaron Douglas (6-6, 287, So.)
TE	88	Luke Stocker (6-6, 253, Sr.)
WR	4	Gerald Jones (6-0, 190, Sr.)
WR	6	Denarius Moore (6-1, 190, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Ben Martin (6-3, 251, Sr.)
LDT	58	Marlon Walls (6-3, 289, So.)
RDT	93	Montori Hughes (6-4, 317, So.)
RDE	84	Chris Walker (6-3, 241, Sr.)
SLB	42	LaMarcus Thompson (6-1, 228, Sr.)
MLB	56	Nick Reveiz (5-10, 224, Sr.)
WLB	43	Savion Frazier (6-2, 221, Sr.)
LCB	36	Anthony Anderson (6-0, 185, Jr.)
RCB	25	Art Evans (6-0, 185, Jr.)
FS	15	Janzen Jackson (6-0, 181, So.)
SS	3	Darren Myles (6-1, 186, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	26	Daniel Lincoln (6-0, 210, Sr.)
P	96	Chad Cunningham (6-2, 205, Sr.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 SEC: 4-4
(lost to Virginia Tech in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl, 37-14)

Coach: Derek Dooley, 1st year
Career record: 17-20
Offensive coordinator: Jim Chaney (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Justin Wilcox (1st year)

Stadium: Neyland Stadium (102,038)
Tickets: 800-332-VOLS
Site: Knoxville
Official athletic Web site: www.utsports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

Unlike predecessor Lane Kiffin, first-year coach Derek Dooley prefers to stay low-key and dodge the headlines.

But if Dooley wins big with this roster, he deserves plenty of attention.

Tennessee is runway-model thin at too many positions to be considered a major conference contender just yet.

The offensive line doesn't return any starters after tackle Aaron Douglas transferred in the offseason. Jarrod Shaw, who started three games at guard in early 2009, is the only player with any meaningful experience.

The top two running backs are gone after Montario Hardesty graduated and Bryce Brown left the team after one season.

Tennessee fans don't know what to expect from the quarterback battle after Nick Stephens left the team in April, and Matt Simms and Tyler Bray have yet to stand out after spring practice.

Though the defense still has enough playmakers to fluster some teams, the Vols lost arguably their three best defensive players in safety Eric Berry, linebacker Rico McCoy and tackle Dan Williams.

Only resolve, poise and some old-fashioned fundamentals will help Tennessee prevail under Dooley, the third Tennessee coach in as many seasons after Kiffin left for USC in January.

Dooley, hired in just enough time to salvage most of Tennessee's impressive 2010 recruiting class, says he expects to provide long-term stability in Knoxville through recruiting. But it's too early to ask freshmen to carry this year's team.

The Volunteers, who finished 7-6 last season, can find support in a receiving corps that returns its top three playmakers. Wide receivers Gerald Jones and Denarius Moore and tight end Luke Stocker combined for 16 touchdowns in 2009. High-profile signee Da'Rick Rogers could bolster the already strong attack.

Brown's departure doesn't ease the transition for the new quarterback, who could use an experienced tailback to count on. But the bigger problem is that nobody won the QB job in the spring, although junior Matt Simms holds a small lead.

But running back Tauren Poole emerged as what Dooley calls a "real steady hand" at the position. Poole will battle with David Oku for the most carries.

Tennessee still has defensive standouts, though its biggest star, former defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, took his Tampa 2 defense to USC. The Vols will expect linebacker Nick Reveiz to provide leadership, while Chris Walker and Ben Martin are potential NFL talents.

THE NEXT BIG THING
DENARIUS MOORE, WR

The Volunteers' biggest strength could be at wide receiver, where Moore led the team with seven touchdown catches in 2009. The 6-1, 190-pound senior has the size to create separation off the line and enough speed to win over the top.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Da'Rick Rogers
WR, 6-3, 206
Rogers was arguably the nation's top wide receiver. He has tremendous size, speed, hands and leaping ability.

2 — Jawuan James
OT, 6-6, 293
Not only is James coming into a position of need for Tennessee, but he arrives with college-ready size, polish and physicality.

3 — Corey Miller
DE, 6-4, 227
Miller was one of the nation's most highly recruited prospects. End is a need position for the Vols, so Miller may see the field early.

4 — Tyler Bray
QB, 6-6, 187
Hurt by transfers, UT is thin under center. Bray needs to add weight to his frame, but his passing abilities give the Vols a QB of the future.

5 — Jacques Smith
DE, 6-3, 225
It's always important to keep in-state talent at home, and Smith was the consensus top player in the state of Tennessee.

COURTESY UT SPORTS INFORMATION

5 KENTUCKY WILDCATS

RANDALL COBB, WR

The newly retired Rich Brooks can revel in his success at Kentucky.

Brooks took over a probation-plagued program in 2003 and provided stability, four straight winning seasons (2006-09) for the first time since the 1950s and four straight bowl appearances, a school first.

New coach Joker Phillips now has the arduous task of growing the UK brand even larger.

Topping Brooks might require Phillips, a long-time Brooks assistant and coach-in-waiting, to win or share the school's first league title since 1976.

Yet, Kentucky hasn't displayed the raw talent and athleticism needed to become a true Southeastern Conference East contender.

Hope lies with an offense that could improve in 2010 behind a few versatile playmakers and a seasoned defensive front seven that must shrug off last year's 183.2 rushing yards allowed per game, second to last in the conference.

Phillips is asking players to catch up to his pace before evaluating wins and losses. During spring drills, Phillips required every position group to sprint to every station, drill and scrimmage.

Kentucky looks most comfortable when playing in a high-octane offense. Former quarterbacks Andre Woodson, Jared Lorenzen and Tim Couch all flourished in a pass-happy attack.

No one knows this better than Phillips, who faces uncertainty at quarterback, as Morgan Newton, Ryan Mossakowski and Mike Hartline battle for the starting job.

Hartline, a senior, didn't fit that description as last year's starter when the Wildcats finished eighth in the league in red zone conversions.

Kentucky might do best finding creative ways to get playmakers the ball. Randall Cobb proved he is one of the country's most versatile athletes after recording a combined 1,020 yards and 14 touchdowns last year. Cobb will play wide receiver this season with occasional action in the Wildcat formation. Running back Derrick Locke, fresh off a 907-yard season, is one of the most underrated offensive weapons in the league because of his combination of speed and ability to burst through tackles.

Donald Russell, CoShik Williams and Jonathan George provide enough running back depth to make things interesting for this offense.

That's if the offensive line can protect them. The Wildcats lose four starters on the line, prompting Chandler Burden to switch from defensive end to offensive tackle.

Plenty of upperclassmen lead the defensive line, but the losses of linebacker Micah Johnson and corner Trevard Lindley will be felt.

THE NEXT BIG THING
RANDALL COBB, QB/WR

One of the league's most dangerous hybrid playmakers combined for 1,020 yards and 14 touchdowns rushing and receiving in 2009. While a quarterback controversy brews in Lexington, the Wildcats might as well give the ball to Cobb and let him work.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 7-6 SEC: 3-5
(lost to Clemson in the Music City Bowl, 21-13)

Coach: Joker Phillips, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Randy Sanders (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Steve Brown (4th year)

Stadium: Commonwealth Stadium (67,606)
Tickets: 800-928-2287
Site: Lexington
Official athletic Web site: www.ukathletics.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	@ LOUISVILLE	31-27

This game marks the head-coaching debuts of Kentucky's Joker Phillips and Louisville's Charlie Strong. Neither wants to begin a career losing a heated in-state rivalry game.

S.11	Western Kentucky	
S.18	Akron	
S.25	@FLORIDA	7-41
O.2	@OLE MISS	
O.9	Auburn	21-14
O.16	South Carolina	26-28
O.23	Georgia	34-27
O.30	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	24-31
N.6	Charleston Southern	
N.13	Vanderbilt	24-13
N.27	@TENNESSEE	24-30 (OT)

BULLET POINTS

- If the Wildcats find some quarterback consistency, the offense could improve too.
- A veteran defensive line must learn to stop the run.
- The offensive line lost four starters.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Morgan Newton (6-4, 235, So.)
FB	30	Moncell Allen (5-7, 225, Sr.)
RB	20	Derrick Locke (5-9, 191, Sr.)
LOT	52	Billy Joe Murphy (6-6, 298, Jr.)
LOG	70	Stuart Hines (6-4, 293, Jr.)
C	69	Matt Smith (6-4, 289, So.)
ROG	67	Larry Warford (6-3, 335, So.)
ROT	75	Brad Durham (6-4, 310, Sr.)
TE	42	Nick Melillo (6-2, 234, Jr.)
WR	18	Randall Cobb (5-11, 191, Jr.)
WR	8	Chris Matthews (6-5, 222, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	55	DeQuin Evans (6-3, 257, Sr.)
LDT	53	Ricky Lumpkin (6-4, 292, Sr.)
RDT	92	Shane McCord (6-2, 292, Sr.)
RDE	96	Collins Ukwu (6-5, 258, So.)
SLB	57	Jacob Dufrene (6-1, 220, Sr.)
MLB	46	Ronnie Sneed (6-2, 233, Jr.)
WLB	22	Danny Trevathan (6-1, 225, Jr.)
LCB	34	Paul Warford (5-10, 206, Sr.)
RCB	24	Randall Burden (6-0, 187, Jr.)
FS	21	Winston Guy (6-1, 208, Jr.)
SS	6	Taiedo Smith (6-0, 185, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

KFG	9	Ryan Tydlacka (6-1, 205, Jr.)
P	9	Ryan Tydlacka (6-1, 205, Jr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Alex Smith
TE, 6-5, 260
Smith will be a big target who can move the chains and cause real matchup problems in the red zone.

2
Tim Patterson
LB, 6-5, 225
A linebacker with great size, Patterson was an important recruit for the Wildcats as the top prospect in the Bluegrass State.

3
Brandon Gainer
RB, 6-0, 194
It's not often that Kentucky can go into the heart of Miami and pull one of the most highly recruited players in the region.

4
Jerell Priester
ATH, 5-9, 185
Kentucky was able to steal this versatile and dangerous athlete out of Vanderbilt's grasp. Priester had verbaled to Vandy.

5
Raymond Sanders
RB, 5-8, 175
Sanders was one of three prospects to sign with the Wildcats from Stephenson High in Georgia.

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VANDERBILT COMMODORES 6

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Northwestern	
S.11	LSU	9-23
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	@ OLE MISS	7-23

The Commodores need some confidence after last season's 2-10 mess, and the Rebels could be vulnerable early in the season after losing most of their key players. The SEC schedule doesn't get any easier after this opener.

O.2	@CONNECTICUT	
O.9	Eastern Michigan	
O.16	@GEORGIA	10-34
O.23	South Carolina	10-14
O.30	@ARKANSAS	
N.6	Florida	3-27
N.13	@KENTUCKY	13-24
N.20	Tennessee	16-31
N.27	Wake Forest	

BULLET POINTS

- The Commodores lose plenty of starters, but a fresh start was necessary.
- No easy answers will fix last year's abysmal offense.
- Many positions are lacking definitive leaders, but underclassmen are more athletic than in years past.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

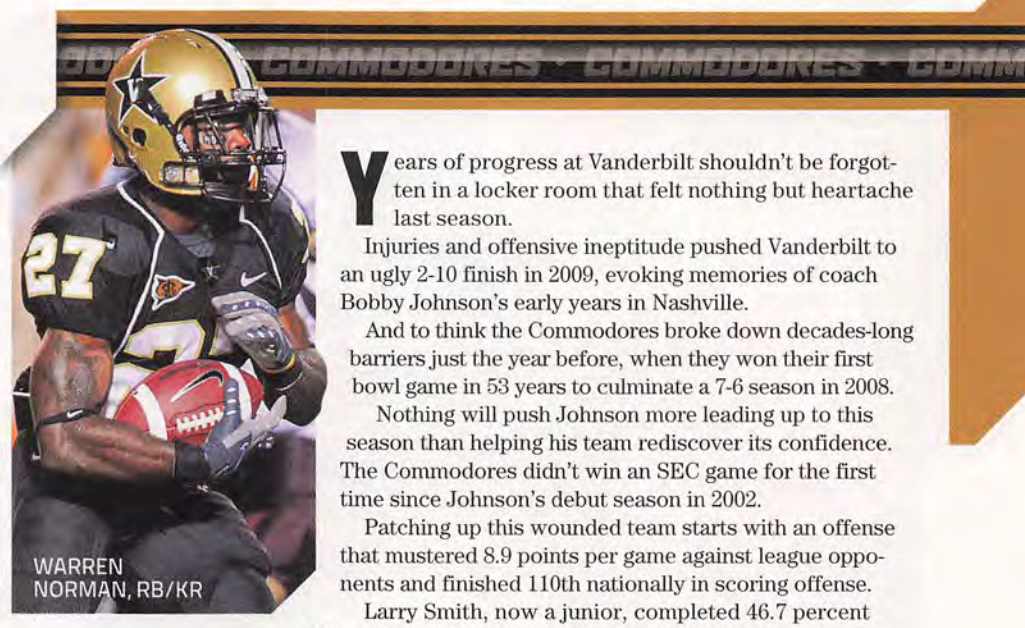
QB	10	Larry Smith (6-2, 220, Jr.)
RB	5	Warren Norman (5-10, 192, So.)
LOT	62	Ryan Seymour (6-4, 300, So.)
LOG	67	Wesley Johnson (6-5, 265, Fr.)
C	71	Joey Bailey (6-4, 295, Jr.)
ROG	57	Jabo Burrow (6-4, 285, So.)
ROT	77	James Williams (6-6, 312, Jr.)
TE	6	Brandon Barden (6-5, 250, Jr.)
WR	81	Turner Wimberly (6-1, 200, Sr.)
WR	23	Udom Umoh (6-0, 180, Jr.)
WR	83	John Cole (5-11, 178, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	42	Tim Fugger (6-4, 255, Jr.)
LDT	59	Adam Smotherman (6-4, 295, Sr.)
RDT	74	T.J. Greenstone (6-3, 285, Jr.)
RDE	89	Teriall Brannon (6-3, 245, Jr.)
SLB	49	John Stokes (6-5, 235, Sr.)
MLB	13	Chris Marve (6-0, 234, Jr.)
WLB	18	Dexter Daniels (6-1, 230, So.)
LCB	19	Casey Hayward (6-0, 185, Jr.)
RCB	25	Jamie Graham (6-0, 195, Jr.)
FS	33	Jay Fullam (6-1, 200, Fr.)
SS	38	Sean Richardson (6-2, 210, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	48	Ryan Fowler (5-10, 172, So.)
P	94	Richard Kent (6-2, 195, So.)



WARREN NORMAN, RB/KR

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QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 2-10 SEC: 0-8

Coach: Bobby Johnson, 9th year (29-66)
Career record: 29-66 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator: Jimmy Kiser (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Jamie Bryant (3rd year)

Stadium: Vanderbilt Stadium (39,790)
Tickets: 877-44-VANDY
Site: Nashville, Tenn.
Official athletic Web site: www.vucommodores.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

Years of progress at Vanderbilt shouldn't be forgotten in a locker room that felt nothing but heartache last season.

Injuries and offensive ineptitude pushed Vanderbilt to an ugly 2-10 finish in 2009, evoking memories of coach Bobby Johnson's early years in Nashville.

And to think the Commodores broke down decades-long barriers just the year before, when they won their first bowl game in 53 years to culminate a 7-6 season in 2008.

Nothing will push Johnson more leading up to this season than helping his team rediscover its confidence. The Commodores didn't win an SEC game for the first time since Johnson's debut season in 2002.

Patching up this wounded team starts with an offense that mustered 8.9 points per game against league opponents and finished 110th nationally in scoring offense.

Larry Smith, now a junior, completed 46.7 percent of his passes with 1,126 yards, four touchdowns and seven interceptions. Though athletic with respectable arm strength, Smith failed to show poise when pressured by physical defensive lines.

Things got worse in the red zone, where Vanderbilt converted 14 touchdowns in 36 trips last year. Smith shared snaps in spring practice with senior Jared Funk and redshirt freshman Charlie Goro. The battle appears undecided heading into fall camp.

Despite losing a combined 11 starters on both sides of the ball, Vanderbilt has enough young playmakers to make things interesting.

Warren Norman, the reigning SEC Freshman of the Year, is a top-shelf talent who led the team in rushing last year with 783 yards. Norman and running back Zac Stacy (478 rushing yards) are entering their sophomore seasons, providing a glimmer of young hope for the Commodores.

Vanderbilt also returns its top two receivers.

Vanderbilt's biggest concern on defense is stopping the run after allowing a league-worst 197.8 yards per game last season.

Gone are standouts such as linebacker Patrick Benoist and cornerback Myron Lewis, forcing the Commodores to win by committee on defense.

Two of Vanderbilt's top three tacklers return in linebacker Chris Marve (121 tackles) and safety Sean Richardson (84).

If Norman keeps pumping out touchdowns, he could compensate for the occasional defensive lapse. Norman tied the league record for three kickoff touchdowns in a season, and Johnson says he wants to use him at wide receiver.

THE NEXT BIG THING
WARREN NORMAN, RB/KR

One of the conference's brightest young talents tied the SEC record with three kickoffs returned for touchdowns in 2009. The reigning conference Freshman of the Year is versatile enough to play wide receiver, running back and return specialist for the Commodores.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — **Kyle Woestmann**, *DT, 6-3, 265*
The signing of Woestmann was huge for the Commodores, who beat out Georgia, Clemson and South Carolina for his services.

2 — **Jordan Rodgers**, *QB, 6-2, 210*
The brother of Green Bay Packers QB Aaron Rodgers can come in and compete for a starting job immediately.

3 — **Kenneth Ladler**, *S, 6-2, 190*
A rare early enrollee for Vanderbilt, Ladler is a terror on special teams and also a physical, playmaking safety.

4 — **Andre Simmons**, *S, 6-1, 193*
Simmons has good size and picked Vandy despite an impressive offer list.

5 — **James Kittredge**, *DE, 6-4, 250*
Hailing from national power Don Bosco (N.J.) Prep, Kittredge had a strong showing in the Under Armour All-American Game.

1 ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

TOP 25 PICK

MARK INGRAM, RB

BULLET POINTS

- Alabama boasts the NCAA's best running game with Ingram and Richardson.
- Enough playmakers have returned to soften the blow of losing nine defensive starters.
- Full of unproven players, the secondary is a weakness.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	San Jose State	
S.11	Penn State	
S.18	@DUKE	
S.25	@ARKANSAS	35-7
GAME TO WATCH		
O.2	**Florida**	**32-13**

The last two national champions collide in this matchup in which both teams must fill gaps on defense despite returning stellar offensive talent from 2009. Coach Nick Saban can strengthen his current hold on the SEC with a win in Tuscaloosa.

O.9	@SOUTH CAROLINA	20-6
O.16	Ole Miss	22-3
O.23	@TENNESSEE	12-10
N.6	@LSU	24-15
N.13	Mississippi State	31-3
N.20	Georgia State	
N.26	Auburn	26-21

BOWL PROJECTION

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

THE NEXT BIG THING

D.J. FLUKER, OT

A dominant tackle is necessary in Alabama's smash-mouth system, and Fluker has the pedigree as the nation's top recruit from two years ago.

Four months after Alabama earned the national title, quarterback Greg McElroy couldn't remember if he actually celebrated the Crimson Tide's win over Texas.

The team got a couple of weeks off after the season, but McElroy rested more than he reflected.

"I don't think any of us will understand the magnitude until a couple of years from now," says McElroy, who helped the Tide win their first title since 1992. "We haven't had the chance to bask in the glory."

Keeping busy may help add another championship chapter to the storied program, a chance not too far-fetched for the talented Crimson Tide.

Despite losing nine defensive starters, Alabama is too strong at too many positions to fall out of SEC contention.

Reigning Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram teams with sophomore Trent Richardson to form the country's most potent rushing attack. After combining for 2,409 yards and 25 touchdowns last season, the duo will make McElroy's job easier as a game manager.

Receiver Julio Jones has surefire NFL ability and is finally healthy entering his third season. An offensive line stocked with young talent should strengthen Alabama's grip on smash-mouth football in the South.

Gone are defensive leaders such as linebacker Rolando McClain, tackle Terrence Cody and cornerback Javier Arenas. But the way Ingram sees it, the defense must turn inexperience into wins just like the offense did a year before.

A new quarterback, new offensive line and new running backs didn't stop last year's team from posting 31.7 points per game (within 5.6 points of the SEC lead).

"We were young—some of us had played before, but we weren't really established yet," Ingram says. "This year we are real confident and picking up where we left off last year. I think that (experience) has helped our offense."

Though coach Nick Saban trusts his veteran group, he's pushing them physically like never before, McElroy says. The offseason was defined by heavy contact, sprinting and rigorous lifting. Nothing unusual, but the sheer quantity let players know Saban is for real. Saban says he wants his team to drop the thought of repeating and focus on maximizing potential.

So, during the spring, the team crafted

BOB LEVERONE / SN

a mindset: Winning is what you're supposed to do. The 2009 title was the goal, not a surprise.

If that team was motivated by years of disappointment, this season's team will thrive off grit, like the Tide's running backs did a year ago.

Ingram took most of the carries over Richardson last season—any Heisman winner should carry the load—but don't be surprised if that changes this year in favor of Richardson, a special talent who should be unleashed.

After all, there will be plenty of carries to go around. Alabama has no reason to deviate from the plan of almost twice as many runs (601 attempts) as passes (346).

McElroy says his two backs are "very unselfish" and want to see each other succeed.

"Both bring a different dynamic to the table," McElroy says. "Trent's a downhill, between-the-tackles runner, while Mark's an Emmitt Smith type who can do it all. We'll probably just go with the hot back at the time."

The team will still rely on offensive balance with play-action passing and the occasional deep threat, but McElroy says the coaching staff trusts him enough to make more decisions with the passing game.

The senior from Southlake, Texas, has never lost a football game as a starter, a streak dating back to high school.

"Earlier in the season I had false confidence," says McElroy, a poised signal-caller who had 17 touchdowns and four interceptions in 2009. "Now I'm using my mind more and making better decisions."

However, Alabama isn't without its flaws. With safety Robby Green ineligible, the Tide are thin in the secondary. Mark Barron is one of the SEC's best safeties, but he'll play among a bunch of unproven underclassmen in September.

The interior defensive line is not guaranteed success without Cody around to stuff so many run attempts like he did during his career. And Nico Johnson sprained his MCL during the spring, temporarily depleting Alabama at linebacker.

But if you ask McElroy, linebacker Dont'a Hightower hasn't lost a step on his surgically repaired knee. And defensive end Marcell Dareus, the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the BCS title game against Texas, could be one of the SEC's best linemen.

"Where we lost in size and experience, we've kind of picked up in athleticism and speed," says McElroy about the defense. "I truly believe this defense we have coming back probably has more talent and top-to-bottom speed than last year. We don't have the experience and savvy, but they can learn that."

RECRUITING REPORT

Nick Saban and his staff consistently recruit at a very high level. Few programs are in a position to be "disappointed" with a top-five recruiting class, but that is the case in Tuscaloosa. Alabama expects to contend for the No. 1 class every year.

The Crimson Tide continued their recruiting success in 2010 by bringing in elite talent while also filling crucial needs. The secondary was a priority, and by landing five-star **Demarcus Milliner,** lockdown cornerback **John Fulton,** juco standout **Dequan Menzie** and safeties **Nick Perry** and **Jarrick Williams,** that need was addressed.

Adding speed was also an area where Alabama made some big strides. Running back **Corey Grant** and wide receiver **DeAndrew White** will be among the fastest players in the SEC.

Prospects like **Kelwone Malone, Ronald Carswell** and **Blake Sims** all add a new element of athleticism to the offense.

—Barton Simmons, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 14-0 SEC: 8-0
(beat Texas in the BCS National Championship Game, 37-24)

Coach: Nick Saban, 4th year (33-8)
Career record: 124-50-1
Offensive coordinator: Jim McElwain (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Kirby Smart (4th year)

Stadium: Bryant-Denny Stadium, (92,138)
Tickets: 205-348-BAMA
Site: Tuscaloosa
Official athletic Web site: www.rolltide.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Greg McElroy	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	14	140.55	325-198-4	60.9	2508	17	179.1

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Mark Ingram	14	271	1658	6.1	17	118.4

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Julio Jones	13	43	596	13.9	4	45.8

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Mark Barron	14	43	33	76

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Marcell Dareus	14	6.5	44

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Mark Barron	7	125	17.9	1

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Greg McElroy (6-3, 225, Sr.)
	2	Star Jackson (6-3, 209, So.)
FB	85	Preston Dial (6-3, 237, Sr.)
	17	Brad Smelley (6-3, 227, Jr.)
RB	22	Mark Ingram (5-10, 215, Jr.)
	3	Trent Richardson (5-11, 220, So.)
LOT	77	James Carpenter (6-5, 300, Sr.)
	52	Alfred McCullough (6-2, 309, Jr.)
LOG	66	Brian Motley (6-3, 289, Sr.)
	65	Chance Warmack (6-3, 300, Fr.)
C	73	William Vlachos (6-1, 289, Sr.)
	74	David Ross (6-3, 302, Sr.)
ROG	75	Barrett Jones (6-4, 301, So.)
	67	John Michael Boswell (6-5, 291, Jr.)
ROT	72	Tyler Love (6-6, 304, So.)
	68	Taylor Pharr (6-6, 285, Sr.)
TE	89	Michael Williams (6-6, 270, So.)
	86	Undra Billingsley (6-2, 269, So.)
WR	8	Julio Jones (6-4, 211, Jr.)
	11	Brandon Gibson (6-2, 196, Jr.)
WR	4	Marquis Maze (5-10, 182, Jr.)
	15	Darius Hanks (6-0, 184, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Luther Davis (6-3, 279, Sr.)
	90	Milton Talbert (6-4, 271, Sr.)
NT	99	Josh Chapman (6-1, 310, Jr.)
	58	Nick Gentry (6-1, 282, Jr.)
RDE	57	Marcell Dareus (6-4, 306, Jr.)
	94	Darrington Sentimore (6-3, 261, Fr.)
SLB	5	Jerrell Harris (6-3, 231, Jr.)
	51	Michael DeJohn (6-1, 237, Sr.)
MLB	30	Dont'a Hightower (6-4, 260, Jr.)
	36	Chris Jordan (6-3, 232, Jr.)
WLB	31	Nico Johnson (6-3, 217, So.)
	2	Tana Patrick (6-3, 231, Fr.)
LCB	1	B.J. Scott (5-11, 193, Jr.)
	10	John Fulton (6-0, 179,)
RCB	3	Kareem Jackson (5-11, 192, Jr.)
	21	Dre Kirkpatrick (6-3, 190, So.)
FS	45	Mark Holt (6-1, 172, Sr.)
	37	Robert Lester (6-2, 210, So.)
SS	4	Mark Barron (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	18	Rod Woodson (5-11, 199, So.)
S	41	Courtney Upshaw (6-2, 263, Jr.)
	34	Hunter Bush (5-11, 181, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	90	Jeremy Shelley (5-10, 165, So.)
P		Jay Williams (6-4, 225, Fr.)

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2009 TEAM STATS

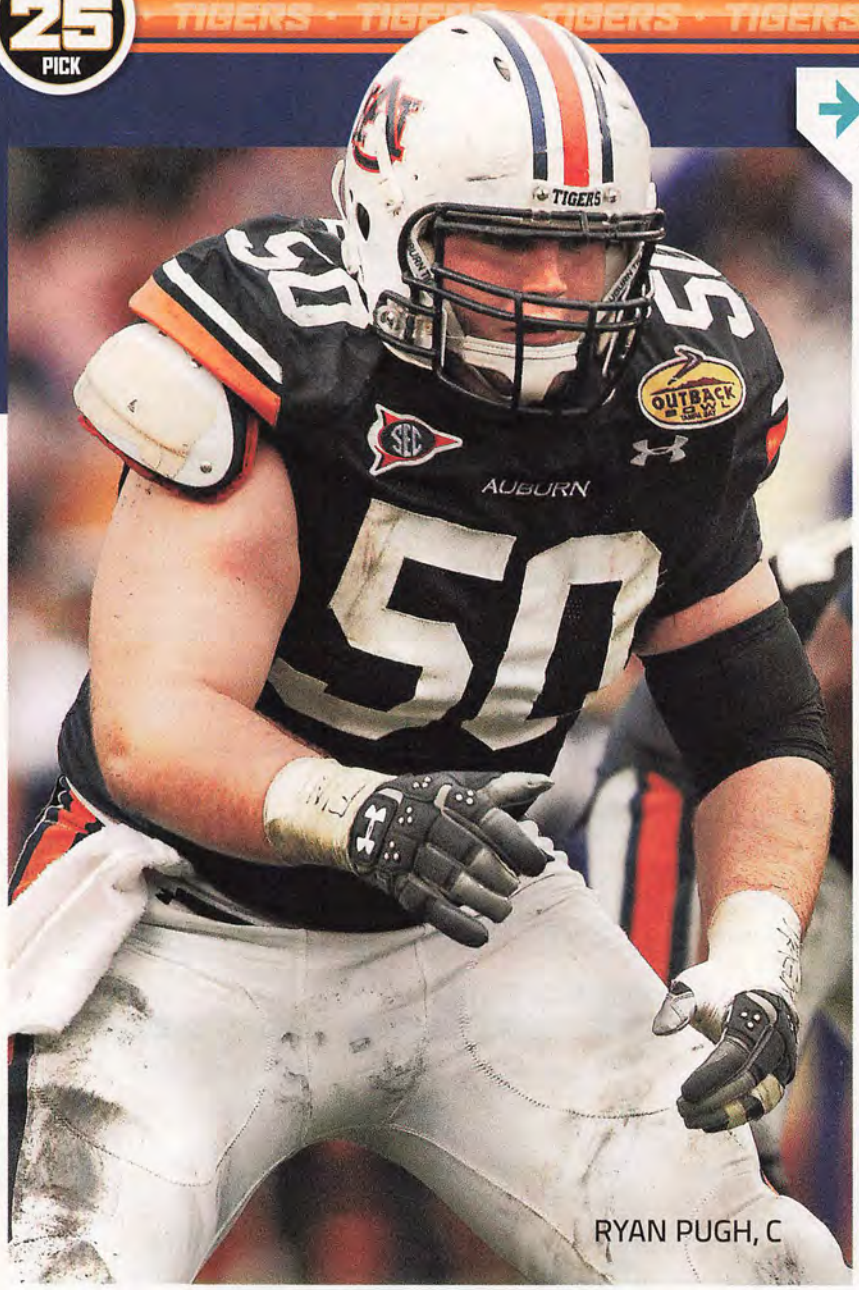
TEAM STATISTICS	ALABAMA	OPP
SCORING	449	164
Points Per Game	32.1	11.7
FIRST DOWNS	288	188
Rushing	153	66
Passing	117	105
Penalty	18	17
RUSHING YARDAGE	3011	1094
Yards gained rushing	3296	1509
Yards lost rushing	285	415
Rushing Attempts	601	395
Average Per Rush	5.0	2.8
Average Per Game	215.1	78.1
TDs Rushing	31	5
PASSING YARDAGE	2631	2324
Att-Comp-Int	212-346-5	210-449-24
Average Per Pass	7.6	5.2
Average Per Catch	12.4	11.1
Average Per Game	187.9	166.0
TDs Passing	17	11
TOTAL OFFENSE	5642	3418
Total Plays	947	844
Average Per Play	6.0	4.0
Average Per Game	403.0	244.1
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	34-793	80-2005
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	39-587	17-156
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	24-319	5-31

TEAM STATISTICS	ALABAMA	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	23.3	25.1
PUNT RETURN AVG.	15.1	9.2
INT RETURN AVG.	13.3	6.2
FUMBLES-LOST	16-7	17-7
PENALTIES-YARDS	69-598	86-729
Average Per Game	42.7	52.1
PUNTS-YARDS	58-2407	96-4036
Average Per Punt	41.5	42.0
Net punt average	34.7	34.3
TIME OF POSS./GAME	33:31	26:29
3RD-DOWN CONV.	76/194	58/194
3rd-Down Pct.	39%	30%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	10/17	9/24
4th-Down Pct.	59%	38%
SACKS BY-YARDS	32-265	20-112
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	52	18
FG-ATTEMPTS	30-36	12-17
PAT-ATTEMPTS	43-47	16-16
ATTENDANCE	644084	279178
Games/Avg Per Game	7/92012	4/69794
Neutral Site Games		3/81791

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Alabama	86	162	80	121	449
Opponent	43	43	46	32	164

2 AUBURN TIGERS

TOP 25 PICK



RYAN PUGH, C

BULLET POINTS

- This is a balanced team with plenty of veterans returning.
- Gene Chizik has given momentum to Auburn through recruiting and a new team outlook.
- A new QB and running back must prove last year's offense was no fluke.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Arkansas State	
S.9	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	49-24
S.18	Clemson	
S.25	South Carolina	
O.2	Louisiana-Monroe	
O.9	@KENTUCKY	14-21
O.16	Arkansas	23-44
O.23	LSU	10-31
O.30	@OLE MISS	33-20
N.6	Chattanooga	
N.13	Georgia	24-31
GAME TO WATCH		
N.26	**@ALABAMA**	**21-26**

The Tigers had the national champion Tide on the ropes in last year's 26-21 Iron Bowl loss, a game that fueled Auburn all offseason.

BOWL PROJECTION

CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING

CAMERON NEWTON, QB

Newton was one of four quarterbacks battling for the starting job in the spring, but he appears to be Auburn's future at the position. The former Florida quarterback who transferred to a junior college before coming to Auburn has plenty of upside and athleticism.

Shortly after the 2008 season, Auburn fans questioned the hiring of a man who went 5-19 in two seasons at Iowa State.

But Gene Chizik isn't fielding many complaints these days considering the momentum Auburn takes into 2010.

The Tigers are fresh off an 8-5 season after establishing school records in numerous offensive categories. In February, Chizik hauled in the country's No. 4 recruiting class to complement the 24 seniors already intact.

Though the Tigers are still young at numerous positions, there are enough pieces to contend for an SEC West title.

"The vibe is beautiful," new starting running back Mario Fannin says. "Everybody has bought into coach Chizik's system. He tells us on and off the field to be 'Auburn men.'"

An 'Auburn man,' by Fannin's account, is "doing something out of the goodness of your own heart," not for others to notice.

Plenty have noticed what's happening on the Auburn campus, but winning this year won't be fueled by flashy stars. The Tigers are relying on a new quarterback, new running back and

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a defense looking to find consistency.

In offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn's first season, Auburn set school records for points scored (433), total yards (5,613) and passing touchdowns (25). The loss of running back Ben Tate hurts since Auburn rushed for 212 yards per game last year, but Fannin averaged 8.4 yards per carry as a backup.

Veterans returning at safety, linebacker and defensive end must vault Auburn from its 27.5 points allowed per game in 2009, last in the league.

Linebacker Josh Bynes, the team's leader with 104 tackles, says last year's 26-21 loss to eventual national champion Alabama in the Iron Bowl encapsulated the Tigers' season.

Good, not great.

"So that's our goal: good to great," Bynes says. "If we were great, we'd be national champions. Florida and Alabama, they were great teams. But we've got experience and a lot of talent. There's no reason why we can't be great."

Despite losing All-SEC end Antonio Coleman, Bynes says speed and strength won't be a problem for the Tigers' defense.

"We have the biggest front four I've ever been a part of," Bynes says. "Strongest guys I've seen in a while."

Four Auburn quarterbacks battled for the starting job in the spring, but it appears that former junior college player Cameron Newton is the leader.

After leaving Florida amid criminal charges for allegedly stealing a laptop, Newton successfully started over at Blinn (Texas) College with almost 3,000 yards passing and a combined 38 touchdowns rushing and passing last season.

The former five-star recruit from Atlanta seems tailored for Malzahn's spread offense because of his athleticism and 6-6 frame.

"He wants to be a leader, and that's something we need at that position," Fannin says.

If Newton has red zone troubles, he can rely on kicker Wes Byrum, who made a league-best percentage of his field goal attempts (15-for-16) last season.

The Tigers could make a late-November run if the defense can stay off the field after giving up 268 first downs last season.

"It fuels us a lot knowing we were that close," Fannin says. "It's time to get back on track."

RECRUITING REPORT

No coaching staff had a more impressive recruiting effort in the class of 2010 than Auburn's. The Tigers finished with the No. 4 class in the country and served notice that they will be a new force on the recruiting trail. Gene Chizik and his staff are willing to go head-to-head with any program in the country for elite prospects.

This talented group has several prospects arriving on the Plains with major fanfare. **Michael Dyer** was the nation's No. 2 prospect at running back and the top player in Arkansas. **Shon Coleman** was a five-star offensive tackle and the top prospect in Mississippi. **Trovon Reed** was the top player in Louisiana. **Corey Lemonier** was one of the most highly recruited players in south Florida and had his pick of schools.

Defensive tackle **Jeffrey Whitaker** was similarly sought after out of Georgia. **Kenneth Carter, Jawara White** and **Jake Holland** were among the elite in-state prospects that Auburn landed, ending the stranglehold Nick Saban has had on Alabama in recent years.

On top of all that, Auburn landed the nation's top junior college prospect in quarterback **Cameron Newton.** Many expect Newton to step in right away and run Gus Malzahn's explosive offense.

—Barton Simmons, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 SEC: 3-5
(beat Northwestern in the Outback Bowl, 38-35)

Coach: Gene Chizik, 2nd year (8-5)
Career record: 13-24
Offensive coordinator: Gus Malzahn (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Ted Roof (2nd year)

Stadium: Jordan-Hare Stadium, (87,451)
Tickets: 800-AUB-1957
Site: Auburn, Ala.
Official athletic Web site: www.auburntigers.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Neil Caudle	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	4	152.90	15-20-1	75.0	170	1	42.5

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Onterio McCalebb	11	105	565	5.4	4	51.4

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Darvin Adams	13	16	997	16.6	10	76.7

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Josh Bynes	13	61	43	104

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Mike Blanc	13	3.5	18

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
T'Sharvan Bell	3	3	1.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	2	Cameron Newton (6-6, 247, Jr.)
	19	Neil Caudle (6-3, 201, Sr.)
FB	32	Eric Smith (5-10, 239, So.)
RB	27	Mario Fannin (5-11, 227, Sr.)
	23	Onterio McCalebb (5-10, 165, So.)
LOT	73	Lee Ziemba (6-8, 320, Sr.)
	79	Jared Cooper (6-4, 309, Jr.)
LOG	66	Mike Berry (6-3, 323, Sr.)
	71	John Sullen (6-6, 323, So.)
C	50	Ryan Pugh (6-4, 293, Sr.)
	53	Bart Eddins (6-4, 300, Sr.)
ROG	57	Byron Isom (6-3, 310, Sr.)
	76	Jorrell Bostrom (6-3, 336, Sr.)
ROT	55	Vance Smith (6-2, 255, So.)
	67	George Kasper (5-11, 235, Fr.)
TE	43	Philip Lutzenkirchen (6-4, 246, So.)
	82	Jay Wisner (6-2, 191, Sr.)
WR	81	Terrell Zachery (6-1, 211, Sr.)
	18	Kodi Burns (6-2, 207, Sr.)
WR	89	Darvin Adams (6-3, 192, Jr.)
	3	DeAngelo Benton (6-2, 205, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	95	Dee Ford (6-4, 233, So.)
	40	Robert Hill (6-1, 239, Jr.)
LDT	93	Mike Blanc (6-4, 289, Sr.)
	90	Nick Fairley (6-5, 314, Jr.)
RDT	97	Derrick Lykes (6-2, 281, So.)
	74	Jamar Travis (6-0, 292, So.)
RDE	45	Antoine Carter (6-4, 260, Sr.)
	49	Michael Goggans (6-3, 261, Sr.)
SLB	21	Eltoro Freeman (5-11, 223, Jr.)
	31	Adam Herring (6-1, 211, So.)
MLB	17	Josh Bynes (6-2, 239, Sr.)
	31	Adam Herring (6-1, 211, So.)
WLB	46	Craig Stevens (6-3, 224, Sr.)
	43	Brandon Evans (5-10, 190, Fr.)
LCB	41	Rodney Cofield (5-7, 156, Fr.)
	20	Drew Cole (5-11, 193, Jr.)
RCB	15	Neiko Thorpe (6-2, 192, Jr.)
	24	D'Antoine Hood (5-10, 192, Jr.)
FS	25	Daren Bates (5-11, 202, So.)
	22	T'Sharvan Bell (6-0, 179, So.)
SS	14	Demond Washington (5-9, 183, Sr.)
	11	Michael Slade (6-3, 191, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	18	Wes Byrum (6-2, 211, Sr.)
P	21	Ryan Shoemaker (6-0, 183, Sr.)

2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	AUBURN	OPP
SCORING	433	358
Points Per Game	33.3	27.5
FIRST DOWNS	266	268
Rushing	138	109
Passing	118	127
Penalty	10	32
RUSHING YARDAGE	2756	2029
Yards gained rushing	3108	2372
Yards lost rushing	352	343
Rushing Attempts	550	493
Average Per Rush	5.0	4.1
Average Per Game	212.0	156.1
TDs Rushing	24	25
PASSING YARDAGE	2857	2834
Att-Comp-Int	218-364-9	253-452-17
Average Per Pass	7.8	6.3
Average Per Catch	13.1	11.2
Average Per Game	219.8	218.0
TDs Passing	25	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	5613	4863
Total Plays	914	945
Average Per Play	6.1	5.1
Average Per Game	431.8	374.1
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	63-1493	69-1624
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	24-107	13-168
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	17-243	9-77

TEAM STATISTICS	AUBURN	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	23.7	23.5
PUNT RETURN AVG.	4.5	12.9
INT RETURN AVG.	14.3	8.6
FUMBLES-LOST	28-14	14-7
PENALTIES-YARDS	97-847	59-466
Average Per Game	65.2	35.8
PUNTS-YARDS	68-2716	69-2918
Average Per Punt	39.9	42.3
Net punt average	35.7	39.6
TIME OF POSS./GAME	28:04	31:56
3RD-DOWN CONV.	71/177	63/192
3rd-Down Pct.	40%	33%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	4/14	15/24
4th-Down Pct.	29%	62%
SACKS BY-YARDS	28-204	21-181
MISC YARDS	80	0
TDS SCORED	55	46
FG-ATTEMPTS	15-16	14-23
PAT-ATTEMPTS	54-54	38-43
ATTENDANCE	676911	360900
Games/Avg Per Game	8/84614	4/90225
Neutral Site Games		1/49383

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Auburn	120	105	111	94	3	433
Opponent	72	81	97	108	0	358

3 LSU TIGERS

JORDAN JEFFERSON, QB

The days of eating comfortably from past successes are waning for LSU fans.

The Tigers' last title was three seasons ago, and the results are a combined 17-9 since.

That's a respectable record, but two titles in the last seven years have elevated the standard and changed the culture in Baton Rouge.

Despite plenty of talent on both sides of the ball, LSU is no guarantee this year after losing 12 starters, including eight on defense.

Coach Les Miles says he likes the direction of the program and the pieces in place for a successful run.

Last season, LSU seemed to shore up its defensive lapse under new coordinator John Chavis, finishing third in the league in scoring defense.

Key playmakers returning include two All-SEC honorees in cornerback Patrick Peterson and linebacker Kelvin Sheppard, who had 8.5 tackles for a loss last year. Peterson has NFL talent and the ability to work on an island for the Tigers' defense.

Cornerback Morris Claiborne and defensive end Sam Montgomery made a serious push during spring practice.

While LSU can find comfort in its blitz packages, the offense must craft an identity after finishing 76th nationally in scoring offense with 24.8 points per game.

The running game, expected to be a strength behind Charles Scott and Keiland Williams, never controlled the tempo for the Tigers and finished next to last in the league with 129.6 yards per game.

Quarterback Jordan Jefferson took 34 sacks and played relatively unspectacular football as the starter.

The Tigers couldn't find a permanent role for five-star recruit Russell Shepard (who's now a wide receiver) and never maximized the potential of receiver Brandon LaFell, who's now in the NFL.

Peterson, a second-team All-American in 2009, says an enhanced running game could affect both sides of the ball.

Stevan Ridley, Richard Murphy and Michael Ford will be asked to take over in the backfield. Ridley has the edge after rushing for 104 yards in the spring game, but Ford, a freshman, has also been impressive.

By all accounts, Jefferson did not light up spring practices. But the Tigers seem dedicated to the junior who enters his second full season as the starter. Jefferson still has talented targets in Terrance Toliver and Shepard, who rushed for 277 yards last year in the Wildcat formation. Miles is asking Jefferson to run a more efficient offense.

THE NEXT BIG THING
RUSSELL SHEPARD, WR

Shepard's immense talents were underutilized in the LSU offense last year as a freshman, as he played mostly out of the Wildcat formation. Focusing on wide receiver allows Shepard to become a consistent option for the Tigers.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@NORTH CAROLINA*	
S.11	@VANDERBILT	23-9
S.18	Mississippi State	30-26
S.25	West Virginia	
O.2	Tennessee	
O.9	@FLORIDA	3-13
O.16	McNeese State	
O.23	@AUBURN	31-10
N.6	Alabama	15-24
N.13	Louisiana-Monroe	
N.20	Ole Miss	23-25

GAME TO WATCH

N.27 @ARKANSAS 33-30 (OT)

Arkansas could be standing in the way of the Tigers in the SEC West standings come late November. LSU's defense will be tested against the Razorbacks' passing attack.

*At Atlanta

BOWL PROJECTION

COTTON BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 SEC: 5-3
(lost to Penn State in the Capital One Bowl, 19-17)

Coach: Les Miles, 6th year (51-15)
Career record: 79-36
Offensive coordinator: Gary Crowton (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: John Chavis (2nd year)

Stadium: Tiger Stadium (92,400)
Tickets: 800-960-8587
Site: Baton Rouge
Official athletic Web site: www.lsusports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

BULLET POINTS

- Les Miles needs a bounceback year after two underwhelming performances by LSU standards.
- The QB play is still a question mark.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Jordan Jefferson (6-5, 220, Jr.)
FB	46	Thomas Parsons (6-5, 294, So.)
RB	34	Stevan Ridley (6-0, 226, Jr.)
LOT	76	Chris Faulk (6-6, 316, Fr.)
LOG	68	Josh Dworaczyk (6-6, 281, Jr.)
C	53	T-Bob Hebert (6-3, 285, Jr.)
ROG	72	Alex Hurst (6-6, 324, So.)
ROT	78	Joseph Barksdale (6-5, 315, Sr.)
TE	19	Deangelo Peterson (6-4, 240, Jr.)
WR	8	Terrance Toliver (6-5, 206, Sr.)
WR	10	Russell Shepard (6-1, 188, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	87	Chancey Aghayere (6-4, 263, So.)
LDT	77	Josh Downs (6-1, 275, So.)
RDT	92	Drake Nevis (6-1, 292, Sr.)
RDE	95	Lazarius Levingston (6-4, 269, Sr.)
SLB	41	Kyle Prater (6-1, 224, So.)
MLB	11	Kelvin Sheppard (6-3, 237, Jr.)
WLB	22	Ryan Baker (6-0, 221, Jr.)
LCB	13	Ron Brooks (5-11, 176, Jr.)
RCB	7	Patrick Peterson (6-1, 211, Jr.)
FS	4	Jai Eugene (5-11, 181, Sr.)
SS	15	Brandon Taylor (6-0, 191, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	30	Josh Jasper (5-11, 160, Sr.)
P	38	Derek Helton (6-0, 188, Sr.)

Sporting News All-American

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Spencer Ware
ATH, 5-11, 220
Ware was a high school quarterback and is a great baseball player. He excelled at running back in the U.S. Army All-American Game.

2
J.R. Ferguson
DE, 6-3, 272
There weren't many players in the country as heavily recruited as Ferguson. He's a big DE who could end up on the inside at LSU.

3
Kadron Boone
WR, 6-1, 190
Boone fled his Texas Tech commitment after the firing of Mike Leach. He comes to Baton Rouge as a polished, productive receiver.

4
Jordan Allen
DE, 6-6, 266
Allen has a great frame and could project at defensive end, defensive tackle or even offensive tackle in college.

5
Eric Reid
S, 6-2, 210
LSU's tradition of strong safeties should be in good hands with Reid—unless he moves to linebacker. He is a huge safety who can cover.

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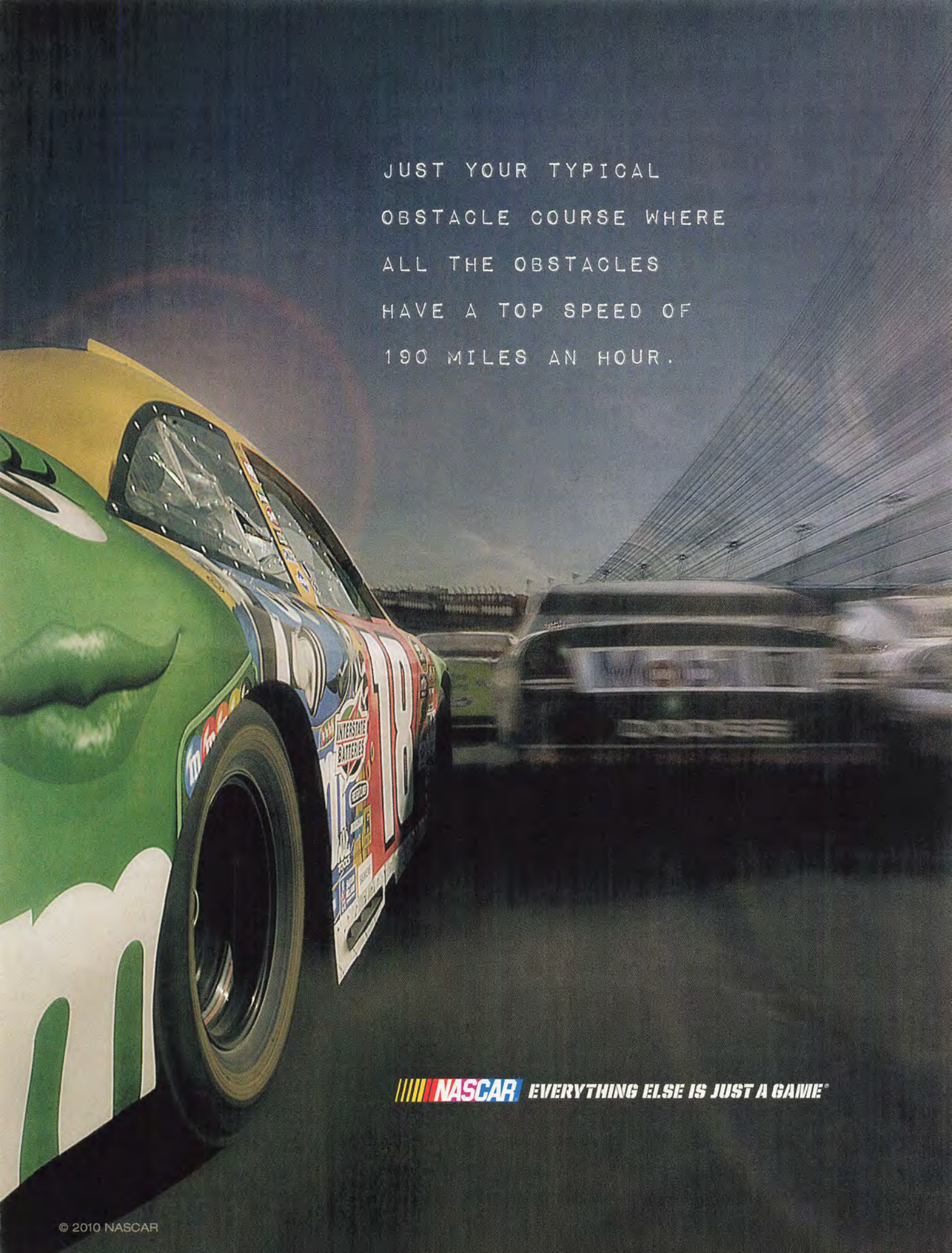
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4 ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

TOP 25 PICK

RYAN MALLET, QB

Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino's offensive wizardry plays out like a maze in Ryan Mallett's head.

Mallett, Petrino's star quarterback, has seen infinite playbook possibilities in two years under Petrino.

"We can get to the same routes 10, 15 different ways," Petrino says. "It's still the same thing to the quarterback, but it's getting different guys open. Some teams might have two or three ways to get to one play. We can go 10 or 15."

Petrino's offense, complete with nine starters returning, is another reminder of why Arkansas' ballooning expectations are deserved yet fragile.

Mallett, a 6-7, 238-pounder with an NFL arm, will be the league's best quarterback throwing to his top five returning receivers behind a line returning its core.

The offense is good enough to win an SEC title, but the difference between 7-5 and 10-2 could have nothing to do with Petrino's pass-happy attack.

The Razorbacks were last in the league in scoring defense in 2009, giving up 401.8 yards per game and a league-worst 251.8 passing yards per game.

The offense compensated by throwing for almost 50 yards more per game than Arkansas' defense allowed, but the Razorbacks' memories of giving up a combined 76 points in early-season matchups with Georgia and Alabama are still fresh.

Experience could breed confidence as the defense returns five of its top seven tacklers.

The Razorbacks can take solace in returning defensive playmakers such as end Jake Bequette (65 tackles, 5.5 sacks), tackle Zach Stadther (42 tackles) and linebacker Jerry Franklin, the team's leading tackler the last two seasons.

The Razorbacks lose versatile playmaker Michael Smith, a 5-9 speedster who gave Arkansas a reliable option at running back and receiver. The team will turn to sophomore Ronnie Wingo to gain tough running yards.

Mallett says he looks forward to a spike in the running game as the Razorbacks return four starting offensive linemen.

"They know we have to run the ball better to be successful," Mallett says. "In the passing game, they protected really well. But now we can also go more downhill, especially with Ronnie's size."

The catalyst is Mallett, who nursed a broken foot that caused him to miss the entire spring. He rehabbed, watched game film and observed the offense during spring practice alongside Petrino, who gave Mallett the occasional "did you see that?" to keep him learning.

Once Mallett is healthy this fall, the fans in Fayetteville will watch the most talented Razorbacks team since the Darren McFadden/Felix Jones days.

THE NEXT BIG THING
COBI HAMILTON, WR

The Razorbacks are loaded at receiver, but the buzz around Fayetteville is that Hamilton could have more upside than anyone on the roster after 19 catches for 347 yards as a freshman.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 SEC: 3-5
(beat East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl, 20-17)

Coach: Bobby Petrino, 3rd year (13-12)
Career record: 54-21
Offensive coordinator: Garrick McGee (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Willy Robinson (3rd year)

Stadium: Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium (72,000)
Tickets: 800-982-4647
Site: Fayetteville
Official athletic Web site: www.arkansasrazorbacks.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY
Conference Title · Bowl · National Title

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Tennessee Tech	
S.11	Louisiana-Monroe*	
S.18	@GEORGIA	41-52
S.25	Alabama	7-35
O.9	@TEXAS A&M**	47-19
GAME TO WATCH		
O.16	@AUBURN	44-23

This matchup is all about midseason SEC West positioning between two programs on the rise. The winner could take second place in the West unless Alabama loses its grip on first.

O.23	Ole Miss	17-30
O.30	Vanderbilt	
N.6	@SOUTH CAROLINA	33-16
N.13	UTEP	
N.20	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	42-21
N.27	LSU	30-33 (OT)

*At Little Rock, Ark. **At Arlington, Texas

BOWL PROJECTION
CAPITAL ONE BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Arguably the league's best offense has plenty of weapons for QB Ryan Mallett.
- Will experience on defense translate to more stops or more mediocrity?

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	15	Ryan Mallett (6-7, 238, Jr.)
FB	44	Van Stumon (6-1, 266, Sr.)
RB	20	Ronnie Wingo (6-3, 227, So.)
LOT	73	Ray Dominguez (6-4, 329, Sr.)
LOG	72	Grant Cook (6-4, 322, Jr.)
C	60	Seth Oxner (6-4, 315, Jr.)
ROG	71	Wade Grayson (6-4, 302, Sr.)
ROT	65	DeMarcus Love (6-5, 315, Sr.)
TE	45	D.J. Williams (6-2, 251, Sr.)
WR	3	Joe Adams (5-11, 182, Jr.)
WR	85	Greg Childs (6-3, 217, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	91	Jake Bequette (6-5, 271, Jr.)
LDT	61	Zach Stadther (6-1, 295, Jr.)
RDT	95	Patrick Jones (6-1, 309, Sr.)
RDE	43	Tenarius Wright (6-1, 241, So.)
SLB	31	Jerico Nelson (5-10, 205, Jr.)
MLB	53	Jermaine Love (5-11, 230, Sr.)
WLB	34	Jerry Franklin (6-1, 241, Jr.)
LCB	26	Ramon Broadway (5-9, 191, Sr.)
RCB	4	Rudell Crim (6-0, 190, Sr.)
FS	5	Tramain Thomas (6-0, 187, Jr.)
SS	1	Anthony Leon (6-4, 227, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	2	Alex Tejada (6-0, 205, Sr.)
P	14	Dylan Breeding (6-1, 211, So.)

Sporting News All-American

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Byran Jones
DT, 6-3, 297
A dominating force in Arkansas small-school football, Jones was a "must get" for Arkansas as the top in-state line prospect.

2
Calvin Barnett
DT, 6-3, 330
Landing this U.S. Army All-American was a shocker. The former Oklahoma State commit stunned many by signing with the Hogs.

3
Cam Feldt
OT, 6-5, 290
Feldt was one of the best in Arkansas' 2010 class. The Texas product was one of the Lone Star State's top O-line prospects.

4
Jatashun Beachum
ATH, 6-2, 275
"Big Tex" is a versatile prospect. He played QB in high school and could play at defensive tackle, tight end, fullback or quarterback.

5
Eric Bennett
ATH, 5-10, 176
Bennett is one of the top players out of the state of Oklahoma. He could be a lockdown corner or an explosive wide receiver.

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OLE MISS REBELS 5

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Jacksonville State	
S.11	@TULANE	
S.18	Vanderbilt	23-7
S.25	Fresno State	
O.2	Kentucky	
GAME TO WATCH		
O.16	@ ALABAMA	3-22
O.23	@ARKANSAS	30-17
O.30	Auburn	20-33
N.6	Louisiana-Lafayette	
N.13	@TENNESSEE	42-17
N.20	@LSU	25-23
N.27	Mississippi State	27-41

The Rebels have a soft nonconference schedule, so Alabama is the first real test of the season. Showing some heart in Tuscaloosa would give Ole Miss confidence.

BOWL PROJECTION

MUSIC CITY BOWL

BRANDON BOLDEN, RB

Let the cleansing begin for Ole Miss.

Leaders are gone at almost every position, but those same leaders unraveled in the face of last year's sizable expectations.

Quarterback Jevan Snead, playmakers Dexter McCluster and Shay Hodge, offensive lineman John Jerry, cornerback Marshay Green, safety Kendrick Lewis and defensive end Greg Hardy led the Rebels to a 9-4 season—not enough to validate the consensus top-10 preseason ranking.

Ole Miss now moves forward with serious holes to fill, but with a renewed spirit.

The Rebels must rely on experience on the offensive and defensive lines along with a bruising running game behind 220-pound Brandon Bolden, who was productive the last two years with 1,156 yards on an average of 5.1 yards per carry.

The quarterback battle between Nathan Stanley and Raymond Cotton will be decided this fall, but don't be surprised if coach Houston Nutt uses a two-quarterback system because of Cotton's running ability.

Nutt expected more stability at quarterback this year before Snead surprised the team with his early departure to the NFL. Then again, the Rebels probably don't mind moving on from Snead's 20 interceptions in 2009.

Ole Miss entered the spring with many starting positions undecided after losing 12 starters, including seven on offense.

The offensive line should remain steady, as A.J. Hawkins, Rishaw Johnson, Bobby Massie and Bradley Sowell showed more consistency this spring.

Despite the loss of Hardy and his 26 career sacks, the defensive line is still stacked behind end Kentrell Lockett, Ted Laurent and 330-pound tackle Jerrell Powe, who registered 12 tackles for loss last season. Lawon Scott, LaMark Armour and Justin Smith provide depth. Ole Miss could improve on a rushing defense that finished in the middle of the pack in last year's league rankings.

Compensating for the youth will be defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix, one of the league's brightest coaches who didn't bite on the potential chance to join Florida's staff. Nix must transition three new starters into the secondary.

Lockett says he's been impressed with the development of young players such as cornerback Charles Sawyer, linebacker Mike Marry and safety Damien Jackson, a junior college transfer who could supplant Fon Ingram.

Ole Miss expected to create more havoc last season but registered only nine interceptions, which tied for ninth in the league.

BULLET POINTS

- The Rebels lost key playmakers at almost every position.
- The defensive front seven is ready to play SEC football.
- Erratic Jevan Snead may not be missed.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Nathan Stanley (6-5, 215, So.)
FB	30	Derrick Davis (6-0, 242, Sr.)
RB	34	Brandon Bolden (5-11, 220, Jr.)
LOT	78	Bradley Sowell (6-7, 305, Jr.)
LOG	76	A.J. Hawkins (6-4, 305, So.)
C	75	Rishaw Johnson (6-4, 305, Jr.)
ROG	61	Zack Brent (6-0, 269, Jr.)
ROT	79	Bobby Massie (6-6, 317, So.)
TE	83	Ferbia Allen (6-4, 240, So.)
WR	16	Markeith Summers (6-3, 205, Sr.)
WR	21	Lionel Breaux (6-0, 198, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE		Wayne Dorsey (6-6, 255, Jr.)
LDT	57	Jerrell Powe (6-2, 330, Sr.)
RDT	96	Lawon Scott (6-2, 310, Sr.)
RDE	40	Kentrell Lockett (6-5, 254, Sr.)
WLB	49	Joel Kight (5-8, 220, So.)
MLB	51	Jonathan Cornell (6-1, 235, Sr.)
SLB	9	Allen Walker (6-1, 225, Sr.)
LCB	41	Marcus Temple (5-10, 188, Jr.)
RCB	6	Jeremy McGee (5-10, 180, Sr.)
FS	35	Fon Ingram (6-0, 200, Jr.)
SS	20	Johnny Brown (6-0, 212, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	81	Bryson Rose (6-0, 193, So.)
P	97	Tyler Campbell (6-2, 210, So.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 SEC: 4-4
(beat Oklahoma State in the Cotton Bowl, 21-7)

Coach: Houston Nutt, 3rd year (18-8)
Career record: 98-63 (FBS)
Offensive coordinators: Mike Markuson (1st year), Dave Rader (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Tyrone Nix (3rd year)

Stadium: Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (60,580)
Tickets: 888-732-8587
Site: Oxford
Official athletic Web site: www.olemisssports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

KEY

Conference Title · Bowl · National Title

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — **Wayne Dorsey**, *DE, 6-6, 255*
At his size and weight, Dorsey is a rare athlete. He should be a force early in his career—either off the edge or on the inside.

2 — **Randall Mackey**, *ATH, 6-0, 190*
Mackey is limited at quarterback because of his height. However, he has great athleticism and has proven that his arm is the real deal.

3 — **Vincent Sanders**, *WR, 6-3, 182*
Sanders follows his former teammate Pat Patterson to Ole Miss. Sanders will give the Rebels another vertical threat on the outside.

4 — **Carlton Martin**, *DT, 6-2, 268*
Along with his teammate and fellow Ole Miss signee Bryan Bennett, Martin brings athleticism and a great motor to the defensive line.

5 — **Damien Jackson**, *S, 6-3, 195*
Jackson is a big safety with track speed who will be asked to compete right away for playing time in Oxford.

THE NEXT BIG THING
BRANDON BOLDEN, RB

With quarterback Jevan Snead and all-purpose threat Dexter McCluster gone, the Rebels must turn to the 5-11, 220-pound Bolden, who goes from second to primary option in his junior season. Expect the Rebels to rely on Bolden's bruising style.

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6 MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS

After tweaking his time-management skills in Year 1, Mississipi State coach Dan Mullen has a renewed, hands-on approach with his players.

"I can actually start coaching more," jokes Mullen, who's entering his second season in Starkville. "I'm spending more time with the quarterbacks, the offense."

Good timing. The Bulldogs' success will hinge largely on whether Mullen brands the offense with the touches that earned him praise as a coordinator at Florida.

Mullen's offenses with the Gators posted back-to-back season averages of 40-plus points, but MSU finished 113th nationally in passing offense last season.

The Bulldogs went 5-7 behind running back Anthony Dixon's SEC-leading 126.5 rushing yards per game. With Dixon gone, Mullen will rely on many of his own recruits, including wide receiver Chad Bumphis and Tyler Russell, who is battling Chris Relf for the quarterback job.

State might play two quarterbacks because of Russell's running ability in Mullen's spread offense. The starting job won't be settled until the fall.

The days of letting Dixon wear teams down with his size are over.

"We're not changing the offense, but we're going to balance it based on what we have," Mullen says. "I think for us what you'll see is more balance, spreading the ball around among other people (rather) than having one workhorse."

Eight of 22 projected starters are sophomores, but the Bulldogs compensate with plenty of confidence on the offensive and defensive lines.

All-SEC candidate Derek Sherrod is one of four regulars back on the offensive line. Defensive end Pernell McPhee, a former junior college standout, might be the conference's best after making 12 tackles for a loss in 2009.

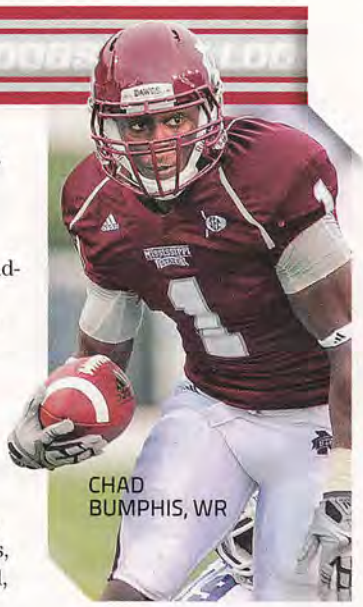
Fletcher Cox, Josh Boyd, Nick Bell and 330-pounder James Carmon provide depth on a D-line that should improve on last year's 146 rushing yards allowed per game. When building a winner, the lines are probably where to start.

Linebacker K.J. Wright will assume a leadership role from the middle of the field. Cornerback Johnthan Banks showed big-play ability as a freshman after returning two of his four interceptions for touchdowns.

New defensive coordinator Manny Diaz, who comes to Starkville from Middle Tennessee, takes over a capable defense.

"We're playing tough, we're blitzing a lot more," linebacker Chris White says. "We pretty much have our whole defense in."

Despite strength at many positions, Mullen wants to develop more depth in order to play faster and with "ridiculous effort."



CHAD BUMPHIS, WR

THE NEXT BIG THING
CHAD BUMPHIS, WR

Dan Mullen coached Percy Harvin at Florida, and now Bumphis is the closest thing to Harvin at Mississippi State. The 5-10 speedster will be the focal point of the Bulldogs' offense.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 SEC: 3-5

Coach: Dan Mullen, 2nd year (5-7)
Career record: 5-7
Offensive coordinator: Les Koenning (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Manny Diaz (1st year)

Stadium: Davis Wade Stadium (55,082)
Tickets: 888-GO-DAWGS
Site: Starkville
Official athletic Web site: www.mstateathletics.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Memphis	
S.9	Auburn	24-49
S.18	@LSU	26-30
S.25	Georgia	
O.2	Alcorn State	
O.9	@HOUSTON	24-31
O.16	@FLORIDA	19-29
O.23	UAB	
O.30	Kentucky	31-24
N.13	@ALABAMA	3-31
N.20	Arkansas	21-42
GAME TO WATCH		
N.27	@ Ole Miss	41-27

If Dan Mullen wins a second straight Egg Bowl, he's in good standing with the Bulldog faithful. This showdown often decides a bowl-game destination.

BOWL PROJECTION

LIBERTY BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- The Bulldogs have some of SEC's best players on the offensive and defensive lines.
- Underclassmen will be asked to contribute every week.
- There's uncertainty at QB and RB.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	14	Chris Relf (6-4, 240, Jr.)
FB	35	Patrick Hanrahan (5-11, 235, Sr.)
RB	49	Ryan Elliot (6-2, 180, Fr.)
LOT	79	Derek Sherrod (6-6, 305, Sr.)
LOG	55	Quentin Saulsberry (6-2, 305, Jr.)
C	70	J.C. Brignone (6-1, 300, Sr.)
ROG	67	Tobias Smith (6-3, 305, So.)
ROT	62	Addison Lawrence (6-4, 300, Jr.)
TE	32	Marcus Green (6-1, 235, Jr.)
WR	9	Leon Berry (6-0, 205, Sr.)
WR	1	Chad Bumphis (5-10, 195, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	90	Pernell McPhee (6-4, 285, Sr.)
LDT	97	Josh Boyd (6-3, 295, So.)
RDT	94	Fletcher Cox (6-4, 300, So.)
RDE	36	Nick Bell (6-3, 265, So.)
SLB	10	Cameron Lawrence (6-2, 225, So.)
MLB	50	Chris White (6-4, 245, Sr.)
WLB	34	K.J. Wright (6-4, 250, Sr.)
LCB	15	Maurice Langston (5-10, 180, Sr.)
RCB	25	Corey Broomfield (5-10, 180, So.)
FS	4	Charles Mitchell (5-11, 205, Jr.)
SS	13	Johnthan Banks (6-2, 180, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	37	Sean Brauchle (5-10, 180, Sr.)
P	38	Heath Hutchins (6-1, 205, Sr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
James Carmon
DT, 6-7, 370
From the same junior college that produced Terrence Cody, Carmon is a Cody clone. He has scary size and good feet for a big man.

2
Michael Carr
ATH, 6-1, 192
Carr did it all for his high school team, leading it to a state championship in Mississippi while playing offense, defense and returning kicks.

3
Damien Robinson
OT, 6-8, 330
A massive blocker, Robinson has been one of the most highly recruited players in Mississippi since his sophomore year.

4
Kaleb Eulls
DE, 6-4, 255
Projected as a defensive end or outside linebacker in college, Eulls' athleticism was evident when he played quarterback in high school.

5
Robert Johnson
WR, 6-0, 196
Johnson was part of an explosive receiving corps that led a run to the 6A state championship game in Mississippi.

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SUN BELT CONFERENCE

ALL-SUN BELT

OFFENSE

- **QB** Dwight Dasher, Sr., Middle Tennessee
- **RB** Alfred Morris, Jr., Florida Atlantic
- **RB** Lance Dunbar, Jr., North Texas
- **OL** Tyler Clark, Sr., Troy
- **OL** Derek Newton, Sr., Arkansas State
- **OL** Brad Serini, Sr., Florida International
- **OL** Esteban Santiago, Sr., North Texas
- **OL** Mark Fisher, Sr., Middle Tennessee
- **TE** Ladarius Green, Jr., Louisiana-Lafayette
- **WR** Jerrel Jernigan, Sr., Troy
- **WR** T.Y. Hilton, Jr., Florida International

DEFENSE

- **DL** Bryan Hall, Sr., Arkansas State
- **DL** Jamari Lattimore, Sr., Middle Tennessee
- **DL** Troy Evans, Jr., Louisiana-Monroe
- **DL** Tourek Willams, So., Florida International
- **LB** Michael Lockley, Sr., Florida Atlantic
- **LB** Craig Robertson, Sr., North Texas
- **LB** Grant Fleming, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette
- **DB** Jeremy Kellem, Sr., Middle Tennessee
- **DB** Anthony Gaitor, Sr., Florida International
- **DB** Bryan Willis, So., Troy
- **DB** Marcus Bartels, Jr., Florida Atlantic

SPECIALISTS

- **K** Alan Gendreau, Jr., Middle Tennessee
- **P** Spencer Ortego, Sr., Louisiana-Lafayette

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1 Even with a new QB and plenty of other first-year starters, Troy will remain in contention for the Sun Belt title and could also grab a bowl berth.

2 Despite being the elected "home" team against Michigan State at Detroit's Ford Field, Florida Atlantic fans will be extremely outnumbered.

3 Another Sun Belt team—or two—will dump a BCS conference opponent. Most likely victim: Minnesota, which visits Middle Tennessee Sept. 2.

4 North Texas will double its 2009 victory total of two, thanks to a stouter defense and an explosive offensive attack.

Acceptance for least of FBS leagues is coming slowly but surely

By Michael Bradley, Correspondent

It's a little tough to buy the pitch that the Sun Belt is a "BCS conference," as the league office would like us to believe. Yes, if the Sun Belt champion is ranked among the top 12 in those wacky BCS rankings, it will grab one of the coveted spots in a big-money bowl game, but let's be realistic about things: This is not an automatic bid, no more than Boise State's and TCU's tickets to college football's VIP room were predetermined.

That said, it's hard to look at the Sun Belt as anything other than a conference that is on the rise. Unlike other leagues that might be decimated by the potential coming round of realignment or are struggling with low attendance figures and some shaky members, the Sun Belt is growing and thriving. Western Kentucky's debut in 2009 wasn't exactly overpowering, but the Hilltoppers are in and ready to go. And in two years, South Alabama will swell the ranks to 10 teams.

The football prosperity continues in the postseason, since the Sun Belt could have a third bowl team in 2010, thanks to its provisional agreement with the Detroit-based Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. Granted, the conference doesn't get a spot unless the Big Ten can't field enough eligible participants, but you take what you can get.

And last year, the Sun Belt got a lot. In addition to Middle Tennessee's New Orleans Bowl win over Southern Miss, the Blue Raiders also boasted a regular season victory over Maryland. Buoyed by those triumphs, Middle Tennessee became the first Sun Belt team to record 10 wins in a season. Troy, meanwhile, posted nine regular-season wins, which made it the first time the league had two schools win nine games before the bowls kicked off.

The '09 season was something, but things could be even better this time. Middle Tennessee is again loaded, while Florida International is surging. Bet against Troy at your own risk, and look out for Arkansas State, which has been hovering near the top of the conference for a while. Even Western Kentucky, which is getting its FBS legs under it, has hope now that former Hilltopper standout QB Willie Taggart has taken over as coach.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Barton Simmons, *Rivals.com*

1. WESTERN KENTUCKY In Willie Taggart's first year recruiting at Western Kentucky, he raided the state of Florida for 11 signees.

2. TROY A characteristically big class for Troy (34 signees) was led by talented prospects like Mark Beard, B.J. Chitty and Dionte Ponder.

3. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL Defensive tackle Jericho Lee should have an impact on the next level. He is joined by a class built primarily on local talent like cornerback Khambrel McGee.

4. MIDDLE TENNESSEE The Blue Raiders supplemented their standard raid of Georgia and Florida with seven signees from the California junior college ranks.

5. NORTH TEXAS Ten junior college signees, led by linebacker Forlando Johnson, should help give North Texas some immediate depth.

6. ARKANSAS STATE Four of Arkansas State's top five prospects come from junior colleges, but its most exciting signee may be Frankie Jackson out of Baton Rouge, La.

7. LOUISIANA-MONROE The Warhawks took advantage of their proximity to Texas by landing lineman Josh Allen of Cedar Hill and wide receiver Luke Russell of Denton Guyer.

8. LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE Though the class is headlined by Dallas running back Aaron Spikes, the majority of the Ragin Cajuns' class was made up of in-state players.

9. FLORIDA ATLANTIC The Owls didn't have much room in 2010, bringing in only 11 new names. Two of those are QBs, though.

ASCENDING

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL The Golden Panthers have been building steadily and accumulating talent under coach Mario Cristobal, and now it's time for them to make a move. A bowl berth is a distinct possibility.

DESCENDING

LOUISIANA-MONROE The Warhawks started the 2009 league campaign 5-1 before faltering in the last two weeks. Look for that skid to continue as Louisiana-Monroe struggles to replace several key components.

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

SUN BELT

STOCK REPORT ↑ UP ↓ DOWN ↔ STEADY

1. ↑ Middle Tennessee
2. ↑ Florida International
3. ↑ Arkansas State
4. ↔ Troy
5. ↔ Florida Atlantic
6. ↓ Louisiana-Lafayette
7. ↓ Louisiana-Monroe
8. ↓ North Texas
9. ↔ Western Kentucky

RATING THE SUN BELT

Fastest Receiver
T.Y. Hilton, Florida International

Best Hands
Jerrel Jernigan, WR, Troy

Best Passing QB
Jeff Van Camp, Florida Atlantic

Best Running QB
Dwight Dasher, Middle Tennessee

Most Elusive RB
Lance Dunbar, North Texas

Best Instincts
Dwight Dasher, QB, Middle Tennessee

Best Athlete
T.Y. Hilton, WR, Florida International

Best Under Pressure
Dwight Dasher, QB, Middle Tennessee

Top NFL Prospect
Jeremy Kellem, DB, Middle Tennessee

Top Impact Freshman
Robert Walker, RB, Louisiana-Lafayette

Hardest Hitter
Craig Robertson, LB, North Texas

Biggest Underachiever
Josh Jarboe, WR, Troy

Best Interview
Phillip Tanner, Middle Tennessee

Best Coach
Larry Blakeney, Troy

Best Recruiter
Larry Blakeney, Troy

Worst Road Trip
Western Kentucky

1 MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

DWIGHT DASHER, QB

At most schools, coaches replace their offensive and defensive coordinators after bad seasons—the better to deflect blame from their own performances. It's an old, proven formula that can buy the boss a little time to get ahead of the posse.

But at Middle Tennessee, coach Rick Stockstill needed new lieutenants on the offensive and defensive sides after a 10-victory campaign. Such is life in the Sun Belt. Prosperity can lead to better opportunities for assistant coaches. So Manny Diaz is off to run the defense at Mississippi State, and Tony Franklin is now at Louisiana Tech, practicing his brand of spread football. Not that Stockstill is forecasting any drastic changes in the way business will be done on the Murfreesboro campus.

That's a good thing, because last year, Middle Tennesseee produced 10 wins, a triumph over Maryland and a seven-game winning streak to close the season, including a win over Southern Miss in the New Orleans Bowl. So it would be a good idea for Mike Schultz to keep spreading the field and Randall McCray to stick with the 4-3 scheme.

It all begins, of course, with quarterback Dwight Dasher, who entered last year as a huge question mark and became a first-rate spread operator. Although he improved his completion percentage a whopping 16.3 points (to 54.9), the senior still has work to do. He needs to become more accurate and cut back on last year's 14 interceptions. But as anyone who saw Dasher in the bowl game—when he threw for 162 yards and two TDs and rushed for 201 yards and two scores—knows, he is dangerous and potent.

Dasher didn't get a whole lot of work in the spring game, since Stockstill was looking to build some depth, and junior college transfer Logan Kilgore displayed a strong, accurate arm. Still, it's Dasher's show.

The question is whether he'll have the wideouts to work with. Middle Tennessee loses its top two receivers from last year but expects senior Garrett Andrews (35 catches, 4 TDs) and juniors Sancho McDonald (24, 2), Shane Blissard (19, 3) and Harold Turner (14, 3) to pick up the slack in the wide-open attack.

There is no problem with the ground game. Dasher rushed for 1,154 yards and 13 TDs last year, while the team also returns junior D.D. Kyles (857 yards) and senior Phillip Tanner, who missed most of last year with a knee injury. With four starters on the line returning, that unit looks solid as well.

The defense needs help at linebacker, but it can count on a solid secondary, led by corner Rod Issac and safeties Kevin Brown and Jeremy Kellem. Senior end Jamari Lattimore can get to the quarterback, as can his bookend, Emmanuel Perez.

THE NEXT BIG THING
TAVARRES JEFFERSON, WR

Although he played only half of last season as a true freshman and needs to gain more experience, Jefferson has good hands and the talent to become a prime target.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Minnesota	
S.11	Austin Peay	
S.18	@MEMPHIS	31-14
S.25	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	34-17
O.5	Troy	7-31
O.16	@GEORGIA TECH	
O.23	Louisiana-Monroe	38-19
N.2	@ARKANSAS STATE	38-14
N.13	North Texas	37-21
N.20	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	62-24
N.27	Florida Atlantic	27-20
GAME TO WATCH		
D.4	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	48-21

The final game of the season for both teams could well be a showdown for league bragging rights and an automatic bowl berth.

BOWL PROJECTION

GMAC BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- Losing both coordinators to other schools in the offseason is bound to have an impact.
- The ground game remains strong with QB Dwight Dasher and RB D.D. Kyles.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-3 SUN BELT: 7-1
(beat Southern Miss in the New Orleans Bowl, 42-32)

Coach: Rick Stockstill, 5th year (27-23)
Career record: 27-23
Offensive coordinator: Mike Schultz (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Randall McCray (1st year)

Stadium: Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium (30,788)
Tickets: 888-YES-MTSU
Site: Murfreesboro
Official athletic Web site: www.goblueraiders.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Dwight Dasher (5-10, 202, Sr.)
RB	21	Phillip Tanner (6-0, 208, Sr.)
LOT	78	Mike Williams (6-2, 260, Jr.)
LOG	60	Brandon McLeroy (6-3, 305, Jr.)
C	75	Chris Hawkins (6-3, 285, Sr.)
ROG	65	Alex Stuart (6-3, 281, Jr.)
ROT	74	Mark Fisher (6-3, 272, Sr.)
WR	83	Shane Blissard (6-5, 212, Jr.)
WR	15	Sancho McDonald (6-3, 200, Jr.)
WR	27	Tavarres Jefferson (5-9, 194, So.)
WR	80	Garrett Andrews (6-3, 206, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	11	Jamari Lattimore (6-3, 231, Sr.)
LDT	94	Gary Tucker (6-2, 248, Sr.)
RDT	47	Dwight Smith (6-2, 272, Sr.)
RDE	91	Emmanuel Perez (6-1, 226, Sr.)
SLB	52	Antwan Davis (6-1, 218, Sr.)
MLB	87	Stephen Roberts (6-3, 229, Fr.)
WLB	32	Justin Jones (5-11, 216, So.)
LCB	6	Rod Issac (5-11, 186, Sr.)
RCB	41	Marquise Dixon (5-10, 172, Fr.)
FS	20	Jeremy Kellem (5-10, 188, Sr.)
SS	33	Kevin Brown (6-1, 205, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	38	Alan Gendreau (5-10, 175, Jr.)
P	36	Nathaniel Toulson (6-1, 229, Jr.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Khari Burke
CB, 5-10, 164
Had five interceptions and returned one for a touchdown as a prep senior. He should compete for early playing time at cornerback.

2
Logan Kilgore
QB, 6-3, 195
Kilgore has four years to play three seasons. He will be groomed to take over the quarterback reins from Dwight Dasher.

3
Eric Russell
S, 5-11, 190
Russell is a safety prospect who is also a factor on special teams. He averaged more than 30 yards on 20 kickoff returns last year.

4
Chris Sharpe
CB, 5-11, 175
Sharpe is a big cornerback who chose MTSU after receiving offers from Louisville, Southern Miss and Wisconsin.

5
Pat McNeil
DT, 6-3, 280
Not only does McNeil have size, but he's also productive. He had 85 tackles, seven sacks and 17 tackles for loss as a senior.

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FLA. INTERNATIONAL 2
GOLDEN PANTHERS

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.11	Rutgers	15-23
S.18	@TEXAS A&M	
S.25	@MARYLAND	
O.2	@PITTSBURGH	
O.9	Western Kentucky	37-20
O.16	@NORTH TEXAS	35-28
O.30	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	21-28
N.6	Louisiana-Monroe	35-48
N.13	@TROY	33-42
N.20	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	20-17 (OT)
N.27	Arkansas State	10-27

GAME TO WATCH

D.4 Middle Tennessee State 21-48

The Golden Panthers get the chance to complete their climb to the top of the Sun Belt by taking down the Blue Raiders at home in the season finale.

** at Miami*

BOWL PROJECTION

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QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-9 SUN BELT: 3-5

Coach: Mario Cristobal, 4th year (9-27)
Career record: 9-27
Offensive coordinator: Scott Satterfield (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Geoff Collins (1st year)

Stadium: FIU Stadium (20,000)
Tickets: 866-FIU-GAME
Site: Miami
Official athletic Web site: www.fiusports.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	14	Wayne Younger (6-3, 190, Sr.)
RB	6	Jerimiah Harden (5-9, 195, So.)
LOT	56	Derrick Wimberly (6-5, 275, Fr.)
LOG	74	Chris Cawthon (6-4, 285, Jr.)
C	76	Brad Serini (6-3, 300, Sr.)
ROG	77	Cedric Mack (6-4, 320, Sr.)
ROT	66	David Istanich (6-6, 305, So.)
TE	15	Colt Anderson (6-4, 215, Jr.)
WR	4	T.Y. Hilton (5-10, 175, Jr.)
WR	82	Greg Ellingson (6-4, 190, Sr.)
WR	80	Jason Frierson (5-9, 175, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	99	Thatcher Starling (6-4, 251, Sr.)
LDT	93	Andrew Mattox (6-1, 270, So.)
RDT	59	Cody Pellicer (6-5, 220, Jr.)
RDE	97	Tourek Williams (6-4, 230, So.)
SLB	13	Toronto Smith (5-10, 220, Sr.)
MLB	45	Aaron Davis (6-1, 245, Jr.)
WLB	3	Larvez Mars (5-11, 210, So.)
LCB	25	Jonathan Cyprien (6-0, 185, So.)
RCB	7	Anthony Gaitor (5-10, 178, Sr.)
FS	21	Chuck Grace (5-10, 185, Jr.)
SS	29	Dezariah Johnson (6-1, 178, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	38	Jack Griffin (5-10, 180, So.)
P	38	Jack Griffin (5-10, 180, So.)

If you happen to check in on the Sun Belt in early October and see that the Golden Panthers are an unsightly 0-4, fret not. With games against Rutgers, Texas A&M, Maryland and Pittsburgh—and all but the first one of those on the road—it's unlikely FIU will get anything out of the season's early schedule but some cash.

After that, things improve greatly, and Florida International should have enough to mount a run at the title. The team will do so with a heavy heart, however, after the murder of running back Kendall Berry in the spring.

The strength of the Golden Panthers is their defense, and new coordinator Geoff Collins has plenty of star power and depth at his disposal. Up front, sophomore Tourek Williams is a budding standout and part of a solid group.

Senior Toronto Smith made nine tackles for loss last year, and Aaron Davis was outstanding during the last half of the 2009 campaign. Joining that strong linebacker duo is sophomore Larvez "Pooh Bear" Mars, who has loads of potential.

Although the secondary picked off just 10 passes last year, it returns a couple of stalwarts in cornerbacks Jonathan Cyprien and Anthony Gaitor.

The key to whether FIU can challenge for the Sun Belt title will likely come under center. Fifth-year senior Wayne Younger battled Mississippi State transfer Wesley Carroll through the spring, and the competition should continue this summer.

T.Y. Hilton will try to stay healthy enough to torment defenses as the top weapon at wideout, while Syracuse transfer Jerimiah Harden looked great running the ball in the spring. Center Brad Serini leads a rebuilt line.

ARKANSAS STATE 3
RED WOLVES

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@AUBURN	
S.11	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	18-21
S.18	Louisiana-Monroe	10-16

GAME TO WATCH

S.25 @TROY 27-30

The meetings between these two teams are always intense, and this one comes early enough to establish a hierarchy in the Sun Belt's first division.

O.2	Louisville	13-21
O.9	@NORTH TEXAS	30-26
O.16	@INDIANA	
O.23	Florida Atlantic	18-35
N.2	Middle Tennessee State	14-38
N.13	Western Kentucky	24-20
N.20	@NAVY	
N.27	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	27-10

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 SUN BELT: 3-5

Coach: Steve Roberts, 9th year (41-55)
Career record: 41-55 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator: Hugh Freeze (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Kevin Corless (9th year)

Stadium: ASU Stadium (30,964)
Tickets: 888-ASU-FANS
Site: Jonesboro
Official athletic Web site: www.astateredwolves.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	16	Ryan Aplin (6-1, 213, So.)
FB	43	Jermaine Robertson (5-11, 230, Jr.)
RB	22	Derek Lawson (5-11, 216, Jr.)
LOT	72	Derek Newton (6-5, 313, Sr.)
LOG	71	Sifa Etu (6-1, 304, Jr.)
C	73	Tom Castilaw (6-3, 297, Sr.)
ROG	61	Drew Hilton (6-3, 302, Sr.)
ROT	68	Alfred Louis (6-3, 306, Sr.)
TE	85	Kedric Murry (6-3, 265, So.)
WR	27	Taylor Stockemer (6-4, 195, So.)
WR	9	Dwayne Frampton (5-9, 184, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Jeremy Gibson (6-5, 260, Jr.)
LDT	79	Gregory McCall (5-11, 297, Jr.)
RDT	90	Bryan Hall (6-1, 284, Sr.)
RDE	99	Brandon Joiner (6-3, 235, Jr.)
SLB	46	Darius Glover (6-1, 220, Sr.)
MLB	23	Demario Davis (6-3, 231, Jr.)
WLB	5	Javon McKinnon (6-0, 236, Sr.)
LCB	32	Jaquan Kilcrease (6-2, 199, Jr.)
RCB	39	Darron Edwards (5-11, 180, Jr.)
FS	21	Kelcie McCray (6-2, 190, Jr.)
SS	26	M.D. Jennings (6-0, 172, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	36	Brandon Parker (6-0, 176, So.)
P	36	Brandon Parker (6-0, 176, So.)

Last year, the Sun Belt title chase was supposed to come down to the Red Wolves and Troy, but a stagnant offense torpedoed Arkansas State's hopes of an SBC title.

It's unlikely people will be calling Arkansas State's attack "high-powered" this season, but it should be improved. Sophomore QB Ryan Aplin, who started three of the final four games last season and completed 65.3 percent of his throws, sat out spring ball with a knee injury.

Redshirt freshman Phillip Butterfield looked good in Aplin's absence in the spring and could mount a charge come August, though.

By the time 2011 dawns, this could be one dangerous outfit, especially if young receivers Taylor Stockemer, Allen Muse and Kedrick Murry continue to grow. Junior college transfer Dwayne Frampton will also provide instant help.

Junior Derek Lawson proved he could be a reliable runner last season. He'll work behind an experienced line and get support from powerful fullback Jermaine Robertson.

The defense returns its top four tacklers from last year and welcomes some juco reinforcements who should help immediately. Junior safety Kelcie McCray was a big-play specialist last year, picking off four passes and recovering three fumbles.

Arkansas State doesn't have many experienced hands at cornerback, but the arrival of juco transfer Darron Edwards will help.

Linebackers Demario Davis and Javon McKinnon are productive tacklers while up front, Arkansas State will lean on senior tackle Bryan Hall and hope end Brandon Joiner, a honorable mention junior college All-American last year, can pressure the QB.

4 TROY TROJANS

As usual, there are all sorts of questions surrounding the Troy team. Who will play quarterback? What to do with the defensive line? Can new coordinator Kenny Edenfield keep the offense strong?

Coach Larry Blakeney is talking about all the holes the Trojans have to fill. The last time he sounded this worried was in 1996, when a team that had lost 25 seniors from the previous year went to the I-AA (now FCS) semifinals.

But there is reason for concern under center, where junior Jamie Hampton and redshirt freshman Corey Robinson will take their competition into the summer to replace Levi Brown. At least the winner has senior Jerrel Jernigan (71 catches, 4 TDs) as a target. DuJuan Harris (583 yards, 10 TDs) proved to be a reliable running back last year, and he can count on returning tackles James Brown and Kyle Wilborn to open some holes.

Defensively, the Trojan front seven needs a facelift around linebacker Daniel Sheffield. Expect senior end Mario Addison and sophomore Jonathan Massaquoi to step up, while junior Xavier Lamb has the experience and potential to be a productive middle linebacker.

The secondary welcomes back corner Bryan Willis, who led the team with four picks as a freshman in '09, and strong safety Barry Valcin. Senior Willard Ross should handle free safety duties, while junior college transfer Jimmie Anderson gets first shot at the other corner spot.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	Bowling Green
S.11	@OKLAHOMA STATE
S.18	@UAB
S.25	Arkansas State

GAME TO WATCH

O.5 @MIDDLE TENNESSEE

No matter how many players the Trojans may lose, they still consider themselves the class of the Sun Belt and would love to prove it by taking down the Raiders on the road.

O.16	Louisiana-Lafayette
O.30	@LOUISIANA-MONROE
N.6	@NORTH TEXAS
N.13	Florida International
N.20	@SOUTH CAROLINA
N.27	Western Kentucky
D.4	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 9-4 SUN BELT: 8-0
(lost to Central Michigan in the GMAC Bowl, 44-41)

Coach: Larry Blakeney , 20th year (153-77-1)
Career record: 153-77-1
Offensive coordinator: Kenny Edenfield (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Jeremy Rowell (4th year)

Stadium: Movie Gallery Stadium (30,000)
Tickets: 877-878-9467
Site: Troy, Ala.
Official athletic Web site: www.troytrojans.com

5 FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

If you listen to Howard Schnellenberger talk about his Florida Atlantic team—or any team he has ever coached, for that matter—one gets the impression it could win the national title. Or the Super Bowl. Or both. He's a confident man who believes in himself and his plan.

Now in his 10th year with the Owls, Schnellenberger is getting closer to his immediate goal of winning the Sun Belt. He has some weapons to help him in the quest. It begins with senior quarterback Jeff Van Camp, who took over the reins with five games remaining last year and proved to be a productive, accurate passer who threw only two picks in 184 attempts. With a pair of solid returning receivers—Lester Jean and Avery Holley—along with tight end Rob Housler at his disposal, Van Camp could have a big year.

Running back Alfred Morris is the heart of the offense, as he led the league with 1,392 yards last season while scoring 11 times. The problem is that FAU's offensive line is completely new.

The secondary is the strength of the defense, at least in terms of returnees. But that group has to get better after allowing opposing QBs to complete 67.4 percent of their throws. Corners Tavious Polo and Tarvoris Hill are experienced, while strong safety Marcus Bartels made 112 tackles last year.

Middle linebacker Michael Lockley made 97 tackles last season, while end Kevin Cyrille also returns.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	@UAB
S.11	@MICHIGAN STATE*
S.25	North Texas+
O.2	@SOUTH FLORIDA
O.9	@LOUISIANA-MONROE
O.23	@ARKANSAS STATE

GAME TO WATCH

O.30 Florida International

Both programs consider themselves the league's best in the Sunshine State and their battles are generally memorable. Expect another.

N.6	@WESTERN KENTUCKY
N.13	Louisiana-Lafayette
N.20	@TEXAS
N.27	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
D.4	Troy

*At Detroit, MI
**At Miami, FL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7 SUN BELT: 5-3

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger, 10th year (53-55)
Career record: 153-132-3
Offensive coordinator: Darryl Jackson (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Kirk Hoza (2nd year)

Stadium: Lockhart Stadium (20,500)
Tickets: 866-FAU-OWLS
Site: Boca Raton
Official athletic Web site: www.fausports.com

6 LA-LAFAYETTE RAGIN' CAJUNS

In 2009, the Ragin' Cajuns lost a load of skill-position performers on offense. This year's edition drops several top-rated offensive linemen. If only coach Rickey Bustle could put it all together, he might have something.

As it is, Louisiana-Lafayette is in good shape, provided it can continue to protect the quarterback and force turnovers. Returning under center is junior Chris Masson, who played solidly last year and will look to increase his accuracy (59.5 percent) and productivity (10 TDs) this season. And he'll have some proven targets, most notably tight end Ladarius Green, who averaged a solid 16.7 yards on his 32 catches last year. Senior Marlin Miller (37 catches) is a solid possession man.

Last year's ground game produced a lot of TDs (19) but averaged just 3.6 yards per carry. Expect junior Julian Shankle, who looked good in spring drills, and quick true freshman Robert Walker to be productive. Senior center Ian Burks leads the reconstituted line, which has depth and experience but few stalwarts.

Louisiana-Lafayette picked off 16 passes last year and returns plenty in the secondary, most notably junior cornerback Dwight Bentley and his senior counterpart, Orkeys Auriene. Senior safety Maurice Rolle picked off three passes in 2009, while junior Lance Kelley had two. Seniors Grant Fleming and Daylon McCoy lead a productive group of linebackers and senior end Terrell Richardson heads up the line.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	@GEORGIA
S.11	Arkansas State

GAME TO WATCH

S.25 Middle Tennessee State

The Ragin' Cajuns get an early chance to measure themselves against the Sun Belt's best and see if their offense can hang with the Raiders' attack.

O.2	@NORTH TEXAS
O.8	Oklahoma State
O.16	@TROY
O.23	Western Kentucky
O.30	@OHIO
N.6	@OLE MISS
N.13	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC
N.20	Florida International
N.27	@LOUISIANA-MONROE

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-6 SUN BELT: 4-4

Coach: Rickey Bustle, 9th year (38-56)
Career record: 38-56
Offensive coordinator: Ron Hudson (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Kevin Fouquier (4th year)

Stadium: Cajun Field (31,000)
Tickets: 337-265-2100
Site: Lafayette
Official athletic Web site: www.ragincajuns.com

7 LA-MONROE
WARHAWKS

After heading into the final two weeks of the 2009 season with a 5-1 league mark and dreaming of postseason participation, the Warhawks crashed and burned, losing to Louisiana-Lafayette and Middle Tennessee to put a disappointing close on what had been a promising start.

Now, the Warhawks must find a way to build on the early momentum and get back into contention. At least some pieces are there to facilitate the move, beginning with Trey Revell.

The senior quarterback had a solid season last year but must improve his accuracy and cut back his interceptions or risk losing his spot to redshirt freshman Kolton Browning, who looked good during the spring. Whoever is under center will benefit from senior running back Frank Goodin (1,126 yards, 13 TDs).

However, there aren't many proven targets available at wideout. Junior Luther Ambrose snagged 34 balls last year to lead the bunch, but a group of youngsters needs to grow up. The same thing goes for the offensive line, which could get some help from junior college transfer Patrick Dvoracek.

There are plenty of losses on the defensive side of the ball after a strong '09 campaign. The linebacking corps benefits from the return of senior Theo Smith, while up front, end Troy Evans had 6.5 sacks last season.

The defensive backfield is led by junior safety Darius Prelow (12 pass breakups in '09).

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.11	@ARKANSAS*
GAME TO WATCH	
S.18	**@ARKANSAS STATE**

The Warhawks' newcomers need to be ready early on or face an early hole in league play against the Red Wolves.

S.25	Southeastern Louisiana
O.2	@AUBURN
O.9	Florida Atlantic
O.16	@WESTERN KENTUCKY
O.23	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
O.30	Troy
N.6	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
N.13	@LSU
N.20	North Texas
N.27	Louisiana-Lafayette

*At Little Rock, AR

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-6 SUN BELT: 5-3

Coach: Todd Berry, 1st year
Career record: 5-36
Offensive coordinator: Steve Farmer (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Troy Reffett (2nd year)

Stadium: Malone Stadium (30,427)
Tickets: 318-342-3ULM
Site: Monroe
Official athletic Web site: www.ulmathletics.com

8 NORTH TEXAS
MEAN GREEN

It may not be occurring as quickly as some in the Mean Green community would like, but North Texas is improving, and those steps forward could produce some tangible results in 2010.

Although QB Riley Dodge has been moved to receiver after suffering multiple injuries, new coordinator Mike Canales was encouraged during the spring by the play of senior Nathan Tune, who proved reliable in seven games last year. Sophomore Derek Thompson could also grab the job with a strong offseason.

Whoever wins will throw to a bunch of proven wideouts, most notably Jamaal Jackson (71 receptions), although North Texas still needs a deep threat. Oklahoma transfer Tyler Stradford will try to fill the void.

The ground game already has its home run hitter. Lance Dunbar averaged 147.5 yards during his eight games as a starter and finished with 17 touchdowns. He'll work behind a line led by tackles Esteban Santiago and Victor Gill and guard Kelvin Drake.

The real work comes on defense, where the Mean Green were particularly weak last year. The linebacking corps should be the deepest of the unit thanks to senior Craig Robertson, but the front four needs to get better quickly and add depth.

Safety DaWaylon Cook and corner Royce Hill lead an experienced backfield, but improved production is a must there.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	@CLEMSON
S.11	Rice
S.18	@ARMY
S.25	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC
O.2	Louisiana-Lafayette
O.9	Arkansas State
O.16	Florida International
GAME TO WATCH	
O.30	**@WESTERN KENTUCKY**

Last year's game produced 117 points, and there's little reason to think this season's matchup won't also be a fireworks show.

N.6	Troy
N.13	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
N.20	@LOUISIANA-MONROE
N.27	Kansas State

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 2-10 SUN BELT: 1-7

Coach: Todd Dodge, 4th year (5-31)
Career record: 5-31
Offensive coordinator: Mike Canales (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Gary DeLoach (3rd year)

Stadium: Fouts Field (30,500)
Tickets: 800-868-2366
Site: Denton
Official athletic Web site: www.meangreensports.com

9 WESTERN KENTUCKY
HILLTOPPERS

New coach Willie Taggart, who was a standout QB for the Hilltoppers in the mid-1990s, is making a bunch of changes now that he's in charge, going from the spread attack to a West Coast offense and from a 3-4 defense to a 4-3 alignment.

However, Taggart also understands that making significant strides in the Sun Belt, given the program's FBS youth, will take time—a lot of time.

Every job was wide open during the spring, so count on a bunch of new faces making contributions throughout the 2010 season. The biggest should be under center, where early enrollee and junior college transfer Matt Pelesasa took over in the spring after 2009 starter Kawaun Jakes injured his ankle in an off-field mishap.

Pelesasa will work with a quartet of targets in receivers Marcus Vasquez, Derrius Brooks and Quinterrance Cooper and tight end Jack Doyle. On the ground, junior Bobby Rainey looked strong running the football after a solid '09 campaign. Right tackle Preston King leads an experienced line.

The Hilltoppers couldn't stop anybody last year, partly because they were so young. Expect senior Thomas Majors to handle the middle linebacker position, with support on the outside from sophomore Josh Carter. Up front, junior Jared Clendenin anchors a unit that needs to get nastier against the run, while sophomore safety Kareem Peterson and the rest of the secondary must show major improvement.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
S.4	@NEBRASKA
S.11	@KENTUCKY
S.18	Indiana
S.25	@SOUTH FLORIDA
O.9	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
O.16	Louisiana-Monroe
O.23	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
GAME TO WATCH	
O.30	**North Texas**

We can't guarantee the teams will crack a combined 117 total points again, but there will be plenty of scoring. Count on it.

N.6	Florida Atlantic
N.13	@ARKANSAS STATE
N.20	Middle Tennessee State
N.27	@TROY

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 0-12 SUN BELT: 0-8

Coach: Willie Taggart, 1st year

Defensive coordinator: Clint Bowen (1st year)

Stadium: Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium (23,500)
Tickets: 800-5-BIG-RED
Site: Bowling Green
Official athletic Web site: www.wkusports.com

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PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

WAC

STOCK REPORT ↑ UP ↓ DOWN ↔ STEADY

1 ↑ Boise State
2 ↑ Nevada
3 ↑ Louisiana Tech
4 ↓ Idaho
5 ↔ Fresno State
6 ↔ Utah State
7 ↔ New Mexico State
8 ↔ Hawaii
9 ↔ San Jose State

RATING THE WAC

Fastest Receiver
Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech

Best Hands
Austin Pettis, WR, Boise State

Best Passing QB
Kellen Moore, Boise State

Best Running QB
Colin Kaepernick, Nevada

Most Elusive RB
Robbie Rouse, Fresno State

Best Instincts
Kellen Moore, QB, Boise State

Best Athlete
Diondre Borel, QB, Utah State

Best Under Pressure
Kevin Goessling, K, Fresno State

Top NFL Prospect
Dontay Moch, DE, Nevada

Top Impact Freshman
Matt Darr, P, Fresno State

Hardest Hitter
Jeron Johnson, S, Boise State

Biggest Underachiever
Pat Hill, Fresno State

Best Interview
Adrien Cole, Louisiana Tech

Best Coach
Chris Petersen, Boise State

Best Recruiter
Scott Huff, Boise State

Worst Road Trip
Louisiana Tech

Broncos should live up to expectations that have never been greater

By Chadd Cripe, *Idaho Statesman*

As much as Boise State has dominated the WAC in recent years, the Broncos often enter a new season either as a close favorite or the second choice in preseason polls.

Not this year.

The Broncos will be everyone's pick to win their eighth WAC championship in nine years—a title that holds strong implications inside the locker room but may mean little to the rest of college football this year.

For the Broncos, the outside world expects an undefeated regular season and perhaps a shot at the national title; the rest is just formality. They return 22 of their 24 Fiesta Bowl starters and have had a single one-point loss in the past two years.

Coach Chris Petersen doesn't like the hype.

"I like the underdog status," he says. "I think it's a better position to operate from. It's getting harder and harder for us to do that."

It's also getting harder and harder for the rest of the WAC to catch up. The Broncos have lost just two league games in the past eight years—dominance that has contributed to a rash of coaching shakeups elsewhere.

The team with the best shot at knocking off the Broncos appears to be Nevada. The Wolf Pack have fallen behind early and rallied to give the Broncos a fight in each of the past three years. They'll play Boise State in Reno this season and also have senior quarterback Colin Kaepernick making his fourth start against the WAC rival, but they must fix a problematic defense.

Fresno State, which returns its entire offensive line, could also make a run. But the Bulldogs have to visit Bronco Stadium, which is coach Pat Hill's house of horrors.

RECRUITING ROUNDUP

By Jeremy Crabtree, *Rivals.com*

1. FRESNO STATE The Bulldogs landed one of the top classes outside the power conferences with a crop of talented California skill players such as receivers Davon Dunn, Victor Dean Jr. and Joshua Harper.

2. HAWAII The Warriors did well again in their own backyard, landing quality players such as Zachary Quines and Dustin Elisara. But the job Hawaii did with players outside the state makes it one of the league's best classes.

3. BOISE STATE Boise State signed one of the nation's smallest classes, but it was large on talent. Tyrone Crawford is one of the nation's best junior college defenders, and quarterback Grant Hedrick could be the next great passer for the Broncos.

4. NEW MEXICO STATE The Aggies did a nice job on the junior college front, scoring one of the best defensive linemen around in David Mahoney. They also signed standout offensive tackle Aundre McGaskey from JC national champion Blinn.

5. NEVADA A mixture of in-state and California talent helps populate the Wolf Pack's class. Kyle Roberts from Sparks, Nev., was a huge steal. Devon Rosa from Glendale CC could be special in the WAC.

6. IDAHO The Vandals scoured the western half of the country and scored their best class in a long time. Ben Swartz is a talented defensive tackle from the junior college ranks, and receiver Mitchell Crockum is a good get from Alhambra, Calif.

7. LOUISIANA TECH Local quarterback Taylor Burch, an early commitment, is the headliner of the class. Tech also loaded up with quality defensive players.

8. SAN JOSE STATE Defensive back Bene Bewikere from Gardena (Calif.) Serra, who could have played at a number of Pac-10 schools, was a huge steal for the Spartans. Junior college quarterback Matt Faulkner could be the Spartans' leader for the next two years.

9. UTAH STATE The Aggies did better than their ranking reflects. Utah State scored several quality in-state targets such as Taani Fisilau, Jason Fanaika and Keegan Andersen. All three could have played in the Mountain West or for some Pac-10 schools.

ALL-WAC

OFFENSE

QB Kellen Moore, Jr., Boise State
RB Vai Taua, Sr., Nevada
RB Jeremy Avery, Sr., Boise State
OL Andrew Jackson, Sr., Fresno State
OL Nate Potter, Jr., Boise State
OL Rob McGill, Sr., Louisiana Tech
OL Kenny Wiggins, Sr., Fresno State
OL John Bender, Sr., Nevada
TE Virgil Green, Sr., Nevada
WR Austin Pettis, Sr., Boise State
WR Titus Young, Sr., Boise State

DEFENSE

DL Ryan Winterswyk, Sr., Boise State
DL Dontay Moch, Sr., Nevada
DL Billy Winn, Jr., Boise State
DL Chris Carter, Sr., Fresno State
LB Adrien Cole, Jr., Louisiana Tech
LB Ben Jacobs, Sr., Fresno State
LB James-Michael Johnson, Jr., Nevada
DB Davon House, Sr., New Mexico State
DB Duke Ihenacho, Sr., San Jose State
DB Jeron Johnson, Sr., Boise State
DB Shiloh Keo, Sr., Idaho

SPECIALISTS

K Kevin Goessling, Jr., Fresno State
P Matt Darr, Fr., Fresno State

FOUR FEARLESS FORECASTS

1 Boise State may not fall, but they'll stumble in the WAC—likely in unexpected places such as Las Cruces or San Jose.

2 Either Chris Ault or Pat Hill—maybe both—will be gone in 2011. The Nevada and Fresno State coaches have 38 combined seasons of experience but both are under fire for not winning conference titles.

3 Kellen Moore will be a Heisman Trophy candidate. The Boise State quarterback should have been invited to New York in 2009 after passing for 39 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

4 The WAC will win more than three games against major nonconference foes. With 18 all-league players returning, those marquee games are winnable.

ASCENDING

LOUISIANA TECH New coach Sonny Dykes inherits a team that was better than its 4-8 record last year, and he returns 16 starters.

DESCENDING

IDAHO The Vandals were a major surprise with a bowl win in 2009. However, they allowed 43 more points than they scored and must rebuild a once-powerful offensive line.

BOISE STATE BRONCOS 1

TOP 25 PICK

BULLET POINTS

- Twenty-two of 24 starters are back from an undefeated team.
- How will the Broncos handle the greatest preseason expectations they've ever had?
- Quarterback Kellen Moore will prove he should've been nominated for the Heisman last year.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.6	@VIRGINIA TECH*	
The Broncos and Hokies enter the season as projected top-15 teams. The winner will join the national championship race.		
S.18	@WYOMING	
S.25	Oregon State	
O.2	@NEW MEXICO STATE	42-7
O.9	Toledo	
O.16	@SAN JOSE STATE	45-7
O.26	Louisiana Tech	45-35
N.6	Hawaii	54-9
N.12	@IDAHO	63-25
N.19	Fresno State	51-34
N.27	@NEVADA	44-33
D.4	Utah State	52-21

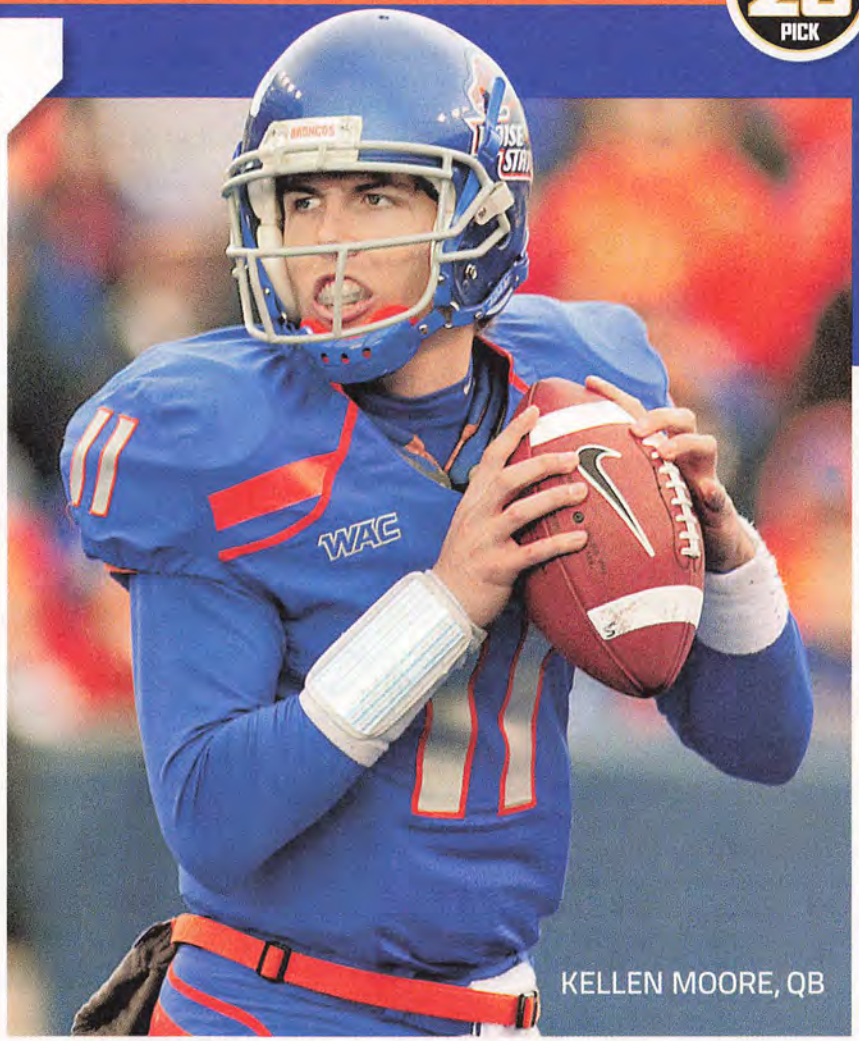
*At Landover, MD

BOWL PROJECTION

ROSE BOWL

THE NEXT BIG THING
BRENEL MYERS, OT

Myers made his second career start (and first at tackle) in the Fiesta Bowl and kept TCU standout defensive end Jerry Hughes at bay. The sophomore then followed that with a strong spring.



KELLEN MOORE, QB

COURTESY BOISE STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

Eight years of unparalleled success have put Boise State in position to rock the college sports world in 2010.

The Broncos are considered a top-five team going into the season. And with games scheduled against Virginia Tech and Oregon State, they'll get two chances to prove they're worthy of such a lofty ranking.

The Broncos return 22 of the 24 starters from January's Fiesta Bowl upset of TCU—making this the most experienced, deepest and perhaps best team produced by a WAC program that has won seven league titles, 89.5 percent of its games and two Fiesta Bowls since 2002.

Coach Chris Petersen, who is 49-4 in four seasons with two Bear Bryant awards, acknowledges the outside pressure put on this year's team to perform, but he prefers the underdog role that has fueled the Broncos in the past.

"We can't let the expectations derail us," he says. "We can't pay too close attention to those things. We've got to pay attention to our own expectations, and we've got to let our own expectations drive us and push us and hopefully make us the best we can possibly be."

For the second straight year, the Broncos will open the season in the national spotlight. They beat Oregon 19-8 last year in Boise on the first Thursday of the season. This time, they'll face Virginia Tech on Labor Day at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

The offense returns all but two significant players: fullback Richie Brockel, the starter until a foot injury ended his season in November, and right guard Kevin Sapien, who retired because of longstanding neck and shoulder injuries.

Junior quarterback Kellen Moore

finished seventh in Heisman Trophy voting last year and has a strong shot at reaching New York in 2010. He ranked second in passing efficiency (161.65) with an absurd 39 touchdown passes against three interceptions.

Moore's arsenal will be deep and fast with the return of All-WAC seniors Austin Pettis (14 TD catches) and Titus Young (10 TDs). Slot receivers Kirby Moore (Kellen's brother) and Tyler Shoemaker are back as well.

The backfield features the electric Jeremy Avery (1,151 yards rushing) and the powerful Doug Martin (15 TDs), as well as D.J. Harper, who led the team in rushing (6.5 yards per carry) until a torn ACL ended his 2009 season.

Moore will also look for tight ends Tommy Gallarda (4 TDs) and Kyle Efaw (Fiesta Bowl Offensive MVP) and fullback Dan Paul (3 TD catches against Nevada). He has some new targets at wide receiver in freshmen Geraldo Hiwat and Aaron Burks and tight end in sophomore Chandler Koch.

All of that skill will rely on a rebuilt offensive line that should be the Broncos' best since 2006. The line, which was a weakness two years ago, took a big step in 2009 by allowing an NCAA-low five sacks.

Still, Sapien's departure prompted a reshuffle. All-WAC left tackle Nate Potter moved to left guard, Will Lawrence shifted to right guard and sophomore Brenel Myers stepped in at right tackle. The left tackle job is a fight between sophomore Faraji Wright and freshman Charles Leno, Jr. Two-year starter Thomas Byrd returns at center but could get some competition from sophomore Joe Kellogg.

The defense lost only one significant contributor in starting cornerback Kyle Wilson. Both players vying for his spot—junior Jerrell Gavins and sophomore Jamar Taylor—have game experience, so that loss isn't a major concern.

The four returning to the secondary could transform this unit into a dominant defense with a few refinements. Cornerback Brandyn Thompson (team-high 6 INTs, Fiesta Bowl Defensive MVP) needs to improve his consistency, safety Jeron Johnson (team-high 91 tackles) could be a better tackler, safety George Iloka needs to make a few more big plays and nickel Winston Venable could be a better defender in man-to-man coverage.

At linebacker, co-starters Aaron Tevis and J.C. Percy return on the weak side. Senior Derrell Acrey enjoyed an outstanding spring and could have a breakout year in the middle, where he'll get help from former end Byron Hout and Daron Mackey, who emerged as the starter last year before a torn ACL derailed him.

The line should be the strength of the defense. End Ryan Winterswyk (9 sacks) is a two-time All-WAC first-teamer, while fellow end Shea McClellin has developed into a versatile force that also plays linebacker in some packages. Tackles Billy Winn and Chase Baker plug the middle. Winn causes problems for offenses with his quickness, which was proven last year with 12.5 tackles for loss.

RECRUITING REPORT

Boise State signed one of the nation's smallest classes with only 10 players, but it was large on talent. **Tyrone Crawford** is one of the nation's best junior college defenders, and he stuck to his commitment after being placed in a JC by BSU. Quarterback **Grant Hedrick** could be the next great passer for the Broncos. He fits perfectly with what Boise State coaches want from their signal-callers. **Matt Miller** is a versatile athlete who could play on either side of the ball. He was a huge get against quality Pac-10 programs.

—Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 14-0 WAC: 8-0
(beat TCU in the Fiesta Bowl, 17-10)

Coach: Chris Petersen, 5th year (49-4)
Career record: 49-4
Offensive coordinator: Bryan Harsin (5th year)
Defensive coordinator: Pete Kwiatkowski (1st year)

Stadium: Bronco Stadium (32,000)
Tickets: 208-426-4737
Site: Boise, Idaho
Official athletic Web site: www.broncosports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Kellen Moore	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	14	161.65	431-277-3	64.3	3536	39	252.6

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Jeremy Avery	14	209	1151	5.5	6	82.2

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Titus Young	14	79	1041	13.2	10	74.4

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Jeron Johnson	14	54	37	91

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Ryan Winterswyk	14	9	48

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Brandyn Thompson	6	67	11.2	1

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	11	Kellen Moore (6-0, 187, Jr.)
	7	Mike Coughlin (6-5, 212, Sr.)
FB	47	Dan Paul (6-0, 241, Jr.)
	42	Jake Hess (5-10, 231, So.)
RB	27	Jeremy Avery (5-9, 173, Sr.)
	6	D.J. Harper (5-9, 198, Jr.)
LT	75	Faraji Wright (6-3, 284, So.)
	78	Charles Leno Jr. (6-3, 248, r-Fr.)
LG	73	Nate Potter (6-6, 293, Jr.)
	71	Cory Yriarte (6-1, 281, Jr.)
C	66	Thomas Byrd (5-11, 284, Jr.)
	61	Joe Kellogg (6-2, 305, So.)
RG	59	Will Lawrence (6-2, 293, Sr.)
	71	Cory Yriarte (6-1, 281, Jr.)
RT	64	Brenel Myers (6-2, 267, So.)
	70	Zach Waller (6-5, 289, Jr.)
TE	85	Tommy Gallarda (6-5, 249, Jr.)
	80	Kyle Efaw (6-4, 229, Jr.)
WR	2	Austin Pettis (6-3, 201, Sr.)
	89	Tyler Shoemaker (6-1, 207, Jr.)
WR	4	Titus Young (5-11, 170, Sr.)
	20	Mitch Burroughs (5-9, 188, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	98	Ryan Winterswyk (6-4, 263, Sr.)
	96	Jarrell Root (6-3, 259, Jr.)
LDT	90	Billy Winn (6-4, 288, Jr.)
	50	J.P. Nisby (6-1, 305, Jr.)
RDT	97	Chase Baker (6-1, 296, Jr.)
	99	Michael Atkinson (6-0, 332, So.)
RDE	92	Shea McClellin (6-3, 262, Jr.)
	94	Byron Hout (6-0, 241, Jr.)
SLB	25	Hunter White (5-11, 224, Jr.)
	47	Dan Paul (6-0, 241, Jr.)
MLB	52	Derrell Acrey (6-1, 235, Sr.)
	45	Daron Mackey (5-11, 233, Sr.)
WLB	36	Aaron Tevis (6-3, 228, Jr.)
	48	J.C. Percy (6-0, 214, So.)
LCB	10	Jerrell Gavins (5-9, 171, Jr.)
	21	Jamar Taylor (5-11, 193, Jr.)
RCB	13	Brandyn Thompson (5-10, 180, Sr.)
	21	Jamar Taylor (5-11, 193, Jr.)
FS	8	George Iloka (6-3, 207, Jr.)
	16	Cedric Febis (6-3, 197, Jr.)
SS	23	Jeron Johnson (5-11, 194, Sr.)
	30	Travis Stanaway (5-11, 188, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	35	Kyle Brotzman (5-10, 201, Sr.)
P	35	Kyle Brotzman (5-10, 201, Sr.)

Sporting News All-American

2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	BSU	OPP
SCORING	591	240
Points Per Game	42.2	17.1
FIRST DOWNS	311	224
Rushing	123	85
Passing	166	111
Penalty	22	28
RUSHING YARDAGE	2606	1685
Yards gained rushing	2830	2035
Yards lost rushing	224	350
Rushing Attempts	508	440
Average Per Rush	5.1	3.8
Average Per Game	186.1	120.4
TDs Rushing	30	15
PASSING YARDAGE	3698	2518
Att-Comp-Int	294-458-3	241-439-24
Average Per Pass	8.1	5.7
Average Per Catch	12.6	10.4
Average Per Game	264.1	179.9
TDs Passing	40	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	6304	4203
Total Plays	966	879
Average Per Play	6.5	4.8
Average Per Game	450.3	300.2
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	44-1172	98-1868
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	35-381	22-152
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	24-293	3-125

TEAM STATISTICS	BSU	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	26.6	19.1
PUNT RETURN AVG.	10.9	6.9
INT RETURN AVG.	12.2	41.7
FUMBLES-LOST	22-11	18-11
PENALTIES-YARDS	87-782	87-701
Average Per Game	55.9	50.1
PUNTS-YARDS	57-2413	88-3461
Average Per Punt	42.3	39.3
Net punt average	38.3	34.1
TIME OF POSS./GAME	30:34	29:23
3RD-DOWN CONV.	66/174	59/192
3rd-Down Pct.	38%	31%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	17/22	13/26
4th-Down Pct.	77%	50%
SACKS BY-YARDS	26-156	5-32
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	76	31
FG-ATTEMPTS	19-26	7-12
PAT-ATTEMPTS	66-68	27-29
ATTENDANCE	229472	167978
Games/Avg Per Game	7/32782	6/27996
Neutral Site Games		1/73227

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Boise State	124	220	140	107	591
Opponent	35	64	78	63	240

NEVADA WOLF PACK 2

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	Eastern Washington	
S.11	Colorado State	20-35
S.17	California	
S.25	@BYU	
O.2	@UNLV	63-28
O.9	San Jose State	62-7
O.16	@HAWAII	31-21
O.30	Utah State	35-32
N.6	@IDAHO	70-45
N.13	@FRESNO STATE	52-14
N.20	New Mexico State	63-20
GAME TO WATCH		
N.26	Boise State	33-44

The Wolf Pack have played three close games in a row with the Broncos. If Nevada can avoid an awful start, it may be able to pull the upset.

D.4	@LOUISIANA TECH	37-14

BOWL PROJECTION

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- The defense must build on progress made in the spring.
- The schedule sets up well, with three straight home games to open the season and Boise State coming to Reno.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Colin Kaepernick (6-6, 220, Sr.)
RB	34	Vai Taua (5-10, 220, Sr.)
LOT	74	Steve Haley (6-5, 305, Jr.)
LOG	62	John Bender (6-8, 325, Sr.)
C	67	Jeff Meads (6-3, 290, Jr.)
ROG	75	Chris Barker (6-4, 305, So.)
ROT	79	Jose Acuna (6-6, 305, Sr.)
TE	85	Virgil Green (6-5, 240, Sr.)
WR	82	Tray Session (6-3, 175, Jr.)
WR	14	Chris Wellington (6-1, 190, Sr.)
WR	4	Brandon Wimberly (6-3, 195, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	55	Dontay Moch (6-1, 245, Sr.)
LDT		Willie Faataualofa (6-3, 292, Jr.)
RDT	95	Nate Agaiava (6-2, 285, Sr.)
RDE	58	Ryan Coulson (6-3, 255, Sr.)
SLB	42	DeAndre Boughton (6-1, 215, Jr.)
MLB	36	Mike Bethea (6-3, 245, Jr.)
WLB	33	Brandon Marshall (6-1, 235, Jr.)
LCB	6	Doyle Miller (5-11, 185, Sr.)
RCB	28	Isaiah Frey (6-0, 190, Jr.)
FS	20	Duke Williams (6-1, 185, So.)
SS	7	Corbin Louks (6-0, 200, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	46	Ricky Drake (6-0, 190, Sr.)
P	48	Brad Langley (6-0, 200, Sr.)

DONTAY MOCH, DE

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 WAC: 7-1
(lost to SMU in the Hawaii Bowl, 45-10)

Coach: Chris Ault, 26 years (206-96-1)
Career record: 206-96-1
Running-game coordinator: Cameron Norcross (8th year)
Passing-game coordinator: Chris Ault (26th year)
Defensive coordinator: Andy Buh (1st year)

Stadium: Mackay Stadium (29,993)
Tickets: 775-348-PACK
Site: Reno
Official athletic Web site: www.nevadawolfpack.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

The Wolf Pack's defense dominated the spring game—a hopeful sign for a program that has struggled in that department for years.

In fact, the defense was the source of some offseason controversy. Rumors suggest that coach Chris Ault could be fired if the Pack, who lost the WAC title game at Boise State last year, don't improve in 2010.

But any frustration with this team is aimed squarely at a defense that allowed 35 points to Notre Dame, 44 to Boise State and 45 to SMU in the Hawaii Bowl. The Pack ranked 96th in the nation in total defense—sliding five spots from 2008 after Ault resolved to fix the unit.

So once again, the defense will be the key in determining whether the Pack are good enough to dethrone Boise State as WAC champion.

Andy Buh, formerly the co-defensive coordinator at Stanford, has been charged with the daunting task. He'll work with six returning starters, including WAC Defensive Player of the Year Dontay Moch and second-team All-WAC linebacker James-Michael Johnson, and an impressive infusion of talent.

Junior college transfer Willie Faataualofa is expected to compete for a starting job at tackle when he arrives in the fall. He could be a nice complement to Moch, who recorded 6.5 sacks last year but might draw more blockers this season with the early departure of Kevin Basped (9.5 sacks) to the NFL.

Johnson tied for sixth in the WAC last year with 11.5 tackles for loss. He moves from the outside to middle linebacker, where he could put up huge numbers. He likely will get help from another juco transfer in linebacker DeAndre Boughton.

The back end also has some up-and-coming playmakers. Local product Duke Williams started two games at safety as a true freshman and is considered a rising star. Corbin Louks, who is a former Utah quarterback, may get the other safety spot.

Meanwhile, the offense is loaded with proven talent that scored 38.2 points per game and rushed for an NCAA-best 344.9 yards per game using the unique "pistol" formation and the abilities of quarterback Colin Kaepernick, the 2008 WAC Offensive Player of the Year.

Still, the group has yet to live up to its potential. That's because the passing game hasn't been effective against teams capable of slowing the rushing attack and forcing Kaepernick to throw the ball.

Kaepernick, for all of his accolades, has gone winless in three bowls, four regular-season games against BCS teams and three games against the eventual WAC champions. He increased his efficiency rating by seven points in 2009 but still ranked fourth in the WAC and completed just 58.9 percent of his passes.

THE NEXT BIG THING
RISHARD MATHEWS, WR

Mathews is a big, athletic target who had an outstanding spring and should spark the Wolf Pack's dormant punt return game.

RATING THE RECRUITS

1 — Kyle Roberts
OL, 6-6, 265
Roberts was a solid in-state get and should have been more heavily recruited by Pac-10 programs.

2 — Devon Rosa
DE, 6-5, 265
Few junior college defensive ends jumped off film like Rosa. He is always near the football.

3 — Aaron Brown
CB, 6-1, 185
On a team with five other FBS recruits on the roster, many college coaches say Brown might be the best of the bunch.

4 — Dean Faddis
S, 6-1, 190
Faddis was a quality leader in the defensive backfield for one of the top junior college programs in California (Palomar CC).

5 — Cody Fajardo
QB, 6-2, 195
He led Anaheim (Calif.) Servite to a state championship as a senior. Pac-10 schools are going to kick themselves for not signing him.

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3 LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Louisiana Tech's frustrating search for a passing attack has a new urgency this season as new coach Sonny Dykes and offensive coordinator Tony Franklin take over in Ruston with dreams of a Mike Leach-style offense.

That means getting production at quarterback, but that's something that has been elusive since a tremendous run under former Bulldogs quarterbacks Tim Rattay and Luke McCown.

Since McCown's career ended in 2003, the Bulldogs have posted a 115.06 efficiency rating over six seasons with the likes of Ross Jenkins, Zac Champion, Taylor Bennett and Matt Kubik under center. The meager passing stats—no seasons with 2,800 passing yards or 20 touchdown passes—led to the firing of coach Jack Bicknell after the 2006 season and contributed to the Bulldogs' disappointing 4-8 record last year.

This time, though, the coach left on his own. Derek Dooley, who led the Bulldogs to the Independence Bowl title in 2008, has taken over the program at Tennessee. That opened the door for Dykes, who most recently held the offensive coordinator job at Arizona.

He has entrusted the offense to Franklin, a spread-attack specialist who has left a trail of humbled defenses in his wake. Franklin helped Middle Tennessee to its first bowl win last year after a brief stint at Auburn and two conference titles at Troy—all as offensive coordinator.

He expects to build a similar offense at Louisiana Tech, regardless of recent history.

"We will run a fast-paced, no huddle, attacking offense that scores points and builds excitement," Franklin says.

Franklin's first task is to identify and develop a quarterback. Auburn transfer Steven Ensminger, who languished on the depth chart as a tight end for part of last season, made a move in spring ball and will challenge Jenkins.

This might also be a good time to shift away from the run-first offense of Dooley. The Bulldogs lost star tailback Daniel Porter and tight end Dennis Morris, but they expect to have depth at wide receiver and a versatile backfield.

The offensive star should be senior wide receiver Phillip Livas, who seems like a perfect fit in the slot. Livas is the only active player in the country with touchdowns from 70-plus yards on a reception, carry, punt return and kickoff return in his career. Sophomore Richie Casey is Livas-like and could join him in the slot, while LSU transfer Tim Molton, Tennessee transfer Ahmad Paige and junior R.P. Stuart are likely to contribute on the outside.

The backfield includes another Tennessee transfer, Lennon Creer.

ADRIEN COLE, MLB

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THE NEXT BIG THING
TIM MOLTON, WR

Molton redshirted at LSU in 2008 and transferred to Tech last year after sustaining a serious knee injury in Baton Rouge. Now fully recovered, he should be the deep threat in the new offense.

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 WAC: 3-5

Coach: Sonny Dykes, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Tony Franklin (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Tommy Spangler (3rd year)

Stadium: Joe Aillet Stadium (30,600)
Tickets: 318-257-3631
Site: Ruston
Official athletic Web site: www.latechsports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Grambling State*	
S.11	@TEXAS A&M	
S.18	Navy	14-32
S.25	Southern Miss	
O.2	@HAWAII	27-6
O.9	Utah State	21-23
O.16	Idaho	34-35
O.26	@BOISE STATE	35-45
N.6	Fresno State	28-30
N.13	@NEW MEXICO STATE	45-7
N.27	@SAN JOSE STATE	55-20
GAME TO WATCH		
D.4	Nevada	14-37

The Bulldogs haven't beaten the Wolf Pack since 2004. This game could have WAC title implications, particularly if Nevada beats Boise State the week before.

** at Shreveport, LA*

BOWL PROJECTION

NEW MEXICO BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- A new coach and and new coordinator will try to coax production out of the quarterback position.
- Can the Bulldogs finally start winning the close ones?

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	11	Ross Jenkins (6-3, 212, Sr.)
FB	39	Roosevelt Falls (6-1, 230, Sr.)
RB	23	D.J. Morrow (5-10, 200, So.)
LOT	74	Rob McGill (6-6, 310, Sr.)
LOG	62	Ben Harris (6-4, 295, Sr.)
C	60	Lon Roberts (6-3, 285, Sr.)
ROG	67	Jared Miles (6-3, 305, Sr.)
ROT	76	Cudahy Harmon (6-6, 310, Sr.)
TE	89	Chandler Spence (6-3, 255, So.)
WR	6	Phillip Livas (5-8, 175, Sr.)
WR	81	Tim Molton (6-2, 170, So.)

DEFENSE

LDE	91	Matt Broha (6-4, 235, Jr.)
LDT	90	Mason Hitt (6-1, 270, Sr.)
RDT	94	Ramon Randle (6-2, 300, Sr.)
RDE	93	Christian Lacey (6-1, 240, Jr.)
SLB	36	Brian White (6-1, 228, Sr.)
MLB	44	Adrien Cole (5-11, 240, Jr.)
WLB	48	Dusty Rust (6-3, 220, Jr.)
LCB	28	Terry Carter (5-10, 185, Jr.)
RCB	24	Olajuwan Paige (5-9, 185, Sr.)
FS	34	Antonio Baker (5-11, 200, Sr.)
SS	4	Tank Calais (5-11, 205, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	10	John Hinton (5-10, 170, So.)
P	14	Cade Glasgow (6-0, 180, So.)

RATING THE RECRUITS

1
Taylor Burch
QB, 6-2, 205
He committed early in the recruiting process and could be the leader of the future for Louisiana Tech.

2
Carey Fortson
WR, 5-11, 168
Longview (Texas) High has a great tradition of producing skilled players, and many say Fortson ranked among the best.

3
Justin Goodman
CB, 5-10, 192
Goodman is a solid three-star recruit who played for national champion Blinn Junior College in Texas.

4
Kevin Kisseberth
LB, 6-3, 220
He had offers from the Big 12, Big Ten and numerous other programs before LaTech landed him on an official visit in January.

5
Seth Ancar
LB, 6-0, 200
He ranked as one of the top 50 players in Louisiana and had four other scholarship offers.

IDAHO VANDALS 4

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	North Dakota	
S.11	@NEBRASKA	
S.18	UNLV	
S.25	@COLORADO STATE	31-29
O.2	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
O.16	@LOUISIANA TECH	35-34
O.23	New Mexico State	21-6
O.30	@HAWAII	35-23
N.6	Nevada	45-70
GAME TO WATCH		
N.12	Boise State	25-63

The Vandals get a rare piece of the spotlight in a nationally televised home game against the highly ranked Broncos.

N.20	@UTAH STATE	49-52
N.27	@FRESNO STATE	21-31
D.4	San Jose State	29-25

BOWL PROJECTION

HAWAII BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 WAC: 4-4
(beat Bowling Green in the Humanitarian Bowl, 43-42)

Coach: Robb Akey, 4th year (11-26)
Career record: 11-26
Offensive coordinator: Steve Axman (4th year)
Defensive coordinator: Mark Criner (4th year)

Stadium: Kibbie Dome (18,000)
Tickets: 208-885-6466
Site: Moscow
Official athletic Web site: www.govandals.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Nathan Enderle (6-5, 223, Sr.)
RB	3	Deonte' Jackson (5-8, 191, Sr.)
LOT	70	Matt Cleveland (6-4, 310, Jr.)
LOG	5	Sam Tupua (6-3, 374, Jr.)
C	71	Clell Hasenbank (6-0, 278, Sr.)
ROG	68	Guy Reynolds Jr. (6-3, 331, So.)
ROT	67	Tyrone Novikoff (6-7, 308, Jr.)
TE	88	Daniel Hardy (6-4, 235, Sr.)
WR	7	Preston Davis (6-1, 191, Jr.)
WR	2	Maurice Shaw (6-3, 208, Sr.)
WR	1	Eric Greenwood (6-6, 205, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	95	Aaron Lavarias (6-3, 262, Sr.)
LDT	93	Michael Cosgrove (6-4, 265, Jr.)
RDT	99	Jonah Sataraka (6-2, 285, Sr.)
RDE		Andre Ferguson (6-3, 225, Jr.)
SLB	34	Joseph Dickson (6-1, 215, Sr.)
MLB	51	Tre'Shawn Robinson (5-11, 243, Jr.)
WLB	1	Robert Siavii (6-2, 195, Jr.)
LCB	2	Kenneth Patten (5-9, 183, Jr.)
RCB	27	Isaac Butts (6-0, 175, Sr.)
FS	26	Brandon Artz (5-10, 188, Sr.)
SS	10	Shiloh Keo (5-10, 214, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	21	Trey Farquhar (6-1, 175, So.)
P	13	Bobby Cowan (6-4, 212, So.)

The Vandals produced a breakthrough season in 2009 with eight wins, including a thrilling Humanitarian Bowl triumph over Bowling Green.

They also produced All-America offensive guard and NFL first-round draft pick Mike Iupati.

However, replacing the latter will be critical to repeating the former, because the Vandals lost most of the offensive line that was the key to their success.

Nearly everywhere else on the roster, Idaho has experience and depth.

The offense returns five starters, including quarterback Nathan Enderle (fifth in the nation in pass efficiency), running back Princeton McCarty (5.9 yards per carry) and wide receiver Maurice Shaw (6 TDs, 20.8 yards-per-catch average). Daniel Hardy (17.7 yards per catch in 2009) is a big-play option at tight end, and coaches hope left tackle Matt Cleveland can lead the inexperienced line. The Vandals finished ninth in the nation in total offense last year at 451 yards per game.

Ten starters return to a defense that allowed 433.2 yards per contest and ranked 116th in the nation in pass defense (278.1 yards per game). Also, the group was unable to effectively pressure the quarterback, generating just 15 sacks and 15 turnovers for the year.

Standout safety Shiloh Keo recorded 113 tackles last season to finish second in the league and earn first-team All-WAC honors. End Aaron Lavarias and tackle Jonah Sataraka are emerging stars who combined for eight of the team's 15 sacks in 2009. Cornerbacks Kenneth Patten and Isaac Butts need to make more plays, as they combined for just one interception a year ago.

FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS 5

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.4	Cincinnati	20-28

The Bulldogs gave the Bearcats a run last year in Ohio. A win in the nationally televised opener could find Fresno State on a run for the Top 25.

S.18	@UTAH STATE	31-27
S.25	@OLE MISS	
O.2	Cal Poly	
O.9	Hawaii	42-17
O.16	New Mexico State	34-3
O.23	@SAN JOSE STATE	41-21
N.6	@LOUISIANA TECH	30-28
N.13	Nevada	14-52
N.19	@BOISE STATE	34-51
N.27	Idaho	31-21
D.3	Illinois	53-52

BOWL PROJECTION

KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 8-5 WAC: 6-2
(lost to Wyoming in the New Mexico Bowl, 35-28)

Coach: Pat Hill, 14th year (100-66)
Career record: 100-66
Running-game coordinator: Derek Frazier (2nd year)
Passing-game coordinator: Jeff Grady (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Randy Stewart (2nd year)

Stadium: Bulldog Stadium (41,031)
Tickets: 559-278-DOGS
Site: Fresno, Calif.
Official athletic Web site: www.gobulldogs.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	15	Ryan Colburn (6-3, 220, Sr.)
FB	41	Austin Raphael (6-2, 230, Jr.)
RB	8	Robbie Rouse (5-7, 185, So.)
LOT	70	Bryce Harris (6-6, 280, Jr.)
LOG	79	Devon Cunningham (6-6, 350, Sr.)
C	74	Joe Bernardi (6-2, 280, Sr.)
ROG	69	Andrew Jackson (6-5, 295, Sr.)
ROT	60	Kenny Wiggins (6-7, 210, Sr.)
TE	49	Vince Pascoe (6-0, 230, Sr.)
WR	17	Jamel Hamler (6-2, 205, Jr.)
WR	7	Devon Wylie (5-9, 170, Sr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	43	Chris Carter (6-2, 220, Jr.)
LDT	99	Mark Roberts (6-2, 300, Jr.)
RDT	50	Cornell Banks (6-3, 300, Jr.)
RDE	53	Kyle Knox (6-1, 215, So.)
SLB	30	Nick Bates (6-2, 210, Jr.)
MLB	54	Ben Jacobs (6-3, 225, Jr.)
WLB	55	Nico Herron (6-3, 240, Jr.)
LCB	4	Damion Owens (5-11, 200, Sr.)
RCB	24	Desia Dunn (5-9, 175, So.)
FS	20	Lorne Bell (5-10, 200, Jr.)
SS	3	Moses Harris (5-11, 205, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	35	Kevin Goessling (6-0, 195, Jr.)
P	35	Andrew Shapiro (6-1, 180, So.)

Among most observers, Pat Hill is considered one of the top coaches in college football. He has won 68 percent of his games and produced 10 bowl berths in the past 11 years. But in Fresno, Hill's status is the subject of much debate. His teams have lost at least two WAC games in all of his 13 seasons and haven't won a title since landing in a three-way tie at the top in 1999.

This year's Bulldogs, like many of Hill's recent teams, will enter the season with reason to believe they can contend for the WAC title despite a heavy dose of skepticism from the outside.

The offense should again be strong with five returning starters on the line, enviable depth at quarterback and a bunch of inexperienced talent joining the explosive Devon Wylie (4 TDs on 17 catches in an injury-plagued junior year) and steady Jamel Hamler (37 catches) at wideout. At tailback, the diminutive but shifty Robbie Rouse (5.8 yards per carry) will try to replace game-breaker Ryan Mathews, who left early for the NFL.

The lingering question is at quarterback, where junior Ryan Colburn outperformed former Fresno great David Carr as a first-year starter. But fans are still asking for his backup, Derek Carr, David's younger brother. Carr received spot duty as a true freshman in 2009 and could redshirt this year if Colburn emerges as the starter.

The defense is where the Bulldogs need work. They allowed six yards per carry last season and forced just 15 turnovers. The defensive staff visited TCU seeking answers and will implement changes that they hope will fix the problems. Nine starters return, including All-WAC players Chris Carter at end and Ben Jacobs at linebacker.

6 UTAH STATE AGGIES

The Aggies showed promise last season in their first year under Gary Andersen. In fact, they finished 4-8 with four losses by eight points or fewer—a collection that included heartbreakers against Nevada and Fresno State.

And with 18 starters returning this season, including quarterback Diondre Borel and first-team All-WAC linebacker Bobby Wagner, the Aggies could contend for a bowl berth this year.

However, Utah State took a painful hit during offseason conditioning when tailback Robert Turbin (1,714 combined yards) suffered a torn ACL. His chances of getting a second redshirt year are dicey, so he hopes to return sometime in October.

Turbin is the perfect complement to the elusive Borel, who spreads defenses thin with his mobility. Borel isn't always accurate, but he has a knack for creating big plays and avoiding mistakes. He helped the Aggies set school records for total offensive yards and fewest interceptions (4) in a season.

State's most significant hole is at wide receiver, where top target Stanley Morrison returns, but three other key contributors are gone. Among the new faces expected to step up are Dontel Watkins and Matt Austin, a junior college transfer who missed last season with a broken foot.

Nine starters return on defense, but there's plenty of work to be done on a unit that allowed at least 49 points in three of the last four games. Andersen built the defense on speed but didn't have the size to go with it, allowing 205.5 rushing yards and 34 points per game. Fixing the defense, and finding a replacement for Turbin, will be the keys to the season.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@OKLAHOMA	
S.11	Idaho State	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**Fresno State**	**27-31**

The Aggies get an early chance to show they're closer to the top of the WAC than the bottom. A win could propel them to a 2-1 start.

S.25	@SAN DIEGO STATE	
O.1	BYU	17-35
O.9	@LOUISIANA TECH	23-21
O.23	Hawaii	36-49
O.30	@NEVADA	32-35
N.6	New Mexico State	17-20
N.13	@SAN JOSE STATE	24-9
N.20	Idaho	52-49
D.4	@BOISE STATE	21-52

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 4-8 WAC: 3-5

Coach: Gary Andersen, 2nd year (4-8)
Career record: 4-8
Offensive coordinator: Dave Baldwin (2nd year)
Defensive coordinator: Bill Busch (2nd year)

Stadium: Romney Stadium (25,513)
Tickets: 888-878-2831
Site: Logan
Official athletic Web site: www.utahstateaggies.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Diondre Borel (6-0, 190, Sr.)
RB	34	Michael Smith (5-8, 195, Sr.)
LOT	52	Spencer Johnson (6-7, 294, Sr.)
LOG	66	Eric Schultz (6-3, 301, r-Fr.)
C	75	Tyler Larsen (6-4, 298, r-Fr.)
ROG	68	Philip Gapelu (6-2, 298, Jr.)
ROT	63	Tanner Richins (6-5, 295, Jr.)
TE	81	Kellen Bartlett (6-2, 242, Jr.)
WR	24	Austin Alder (5-10, 185, Jr.)
WR	82	Eric Moats (5-11, 182, Jr.)
WR	11	Stanley Morrison (5-9, 158, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	54	Nathan Royster (6-0, 262, Sr.)
LDT	60	Daniel Gurrola (6-1, 282, Sr.)
RDT	50	Sean Enesi (5-11, 286, Sr.)
RDE	47	Levi Koskan (6-4, 238, Jr.)
SLB	40	Bobby Wagner (6-1, 230, Jr.)
MLB	44	Devin Johnson (6-2, 232, Sr.)
WLB	42	Junio Keiaho (6-3, 243, Jr.)
LCB	7	Chris Randle (5-11, 187, Sr.)
RCB	23	Curtis Marsh (6-1, 193, Sr.)
FS	27	Rajric Coleman (6-1, 194, Sr.)
SS	4	Walter McClenton (5-11, 187, Jr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	8	Peter Caldwell (6-4, 228, Sr.)
P	8	Peter Caldwell (6-4, 228, Sr.)

7 NEW MEXICO STATE AGGIES

The Aggies were the worst offensive team in the FBS last year, producing 11.5 points and 229.3 yards per game. They went four games without an offensive touchdown and were the only non-option team to pass for fewer than 90 yards per game.

Still, they managed a 3-3 start before collapsing with seven straight losses to end the year, when coach DeWayne Walker's defense started to look like his offense.

Eighteen starters return this year, and the Aggies hired new offensive coordinator Mike Dunbar, whose previous stops as a coordinator include Northwestern, California and Minnesota. Dunbar's challenge will be cobbling together a passing attack with a quarterback lacking on-field prowess. Veteran signal-callers Jeff Fleming and Trevor Walls or perhaps junior college transfer Matt Christian will vie for the starting job.

The quarterback will stand behind three returning offensive linemen and will hand the ball to Seth Smith, who plowed his way to 1,016 yards rushing last season and five 100-yard games.

Senior cornerback Davon House highlights the defense. The first-team All-WAC honoree is outstanding in man coverage and had three interceptions, 13 pass breakups and two touchdowns last season. He was the reason the Aggies ranked third in the WAC in pass-efficiency defense, the lone bright spot on an otherwise sorry stat sheet. Walker needs to rebuild the middle of the defense after losing all of his starting linebackers. House and an intact secondary should get help from promising junior ends Pierre Fils and Donte Savage, who combined for 13 sacks last season.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.11	San Diego State	17-34
S.18	@UTEP	12-38
S.25	@KANSAS	
O.2	Boise State	7-42
GAME TO WATCH		
O.9	**New Mexico**	**20-17**

The Aggies gave coach DeWayne Walker a great welcome by beating the rival Lobos 20-17 last year in Albuquerque. The rematch should be fierce.

O.16	@FRESNO STATE	3-34
O.23	@IDAHO	6-21
O.30	San Jose State	10-13
N.6	@UTAH STATE	20-17
N.13	Louisiana Tech	7-45
N.20	@NEVADA	20-63
N.27	Hawaii	6-24

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 3-10 WAC: 1-7

Coach: DeWayne Walker, 2nd year (3-10)
Career record: 3-10
Offensive coordinator: Mike Dunbar (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: DeWayne Walker (2nd year)

Stadium: Aggie Memorial Stadium (30,343)
Tickets: 575-646-1420
Site: Las Cruces
Official athletic Web site: www.nmstatesports.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	9	Jeff Fleming (6-4, 187, Jr.)
FB	21	Ron Opetaia (5-9, 219, Sr.)
RB	20	Seth Smith (5-8, 198, Sr.)
LOT	75	Dwayne Barton (6-4, 270, Sr.)
LOG	63	Mike Yocius (6-4, 296, So.)
C	62	Mike Grady (6-3, 302, Jr.)
ROG	72	Sioeli Fakalata (6-3, 321, Sr.)
ROT	73	Patrick Blount (6-3, 263, Sr.)
TE	89	Kyle Hipp (6-5, 250, Sr.)
WR	32	Marcus Allen (6-0, 187, Sr.)
WR	7	Todd Lee (5-9, 152, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	48	Pierre Fils (6-3, 234, Jr.)
LDT	94	Kawika Shook (6-3, 245, Sr.)
RDT	54	John Finau (6-1, 288, Sr.)
RDE	52	Donte Savage (6-1, 235, Jr.)
SLB	81	Kenny Evora (6-4, 236, Sr.)
MLB	47	Boyblue Aoelua (5-10, 217, Jr.)
WLB	36	B.J. Adolpho (5-11, 215, So.)
LCB	4	Davon House (6-0, 178, Sr.)
RCB	15	Jonte Green (6-0, 175, Jr.)
FS	22	Ben Bradley (5-10, 181, Jr.)
SS	2	Alphonso Powell (5-9, 184, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	46	Jordan Davenport (6-1, 190, Jr.)
P	96	Kyle Hughes (6-0, 189, Jr.)

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RAINBOW WARRIORS

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.2	USC	
S.11	@ARMY	
GAME TO WATCH		
S.18	**@COLORADO**	

The Warriors have a chance for a strong start to the season, but they'll need to win in Boulder on the back half of a two-game trip to the mainland.

S.25	Charleston Southern	
O.2	Louisiana Tech	6-27
O.9	@FRESNO STATE	17-42
O.16	Nevada	21-31
O.23	@UTAH STATE	49-36
O.30	Idaho	23-35
N.6	@BOISE STATE	9-54
N.20	San Jose State	17-10(OT)
N.27	@NEW MEXICO STATE	24-6
D.4	UNLV	33-34

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-7 WAC: 3-5

Coach: Greg McMackin, 3rd year (13-14)
Career record: 13-14
Offensive coordinator: Nick Rolovich (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Dave Aranda (1st year)

Stadium: Aloha Stadium (50,000)
Tickets: 808-944-2697
Site: Honolulu
Official athletic Web site: www.hawaiiathletics.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	17	Bryant Moniz (6-0, 190, Jr.)
RB	25	Alex Green (6-2, 220, Sr.)
LOT	51	Austin Hansen (6-4, 185, Jr.)
LOG	76	Brett Leonard (6-5, 310, Jr.)
C	56	Matagisila Lefit (6-0, 280, Jr.)
ROG	66	Adrian Thomas (6-6, 310, Sr.)
ROT	70	Kainoa LaCount (6-6, 330, Sr.)
WR	1	Greg Salas (6-2, 200, Sr.)
WR	21	Kealoha Pilares (5-11, 190, Sr.)
WR	3	Rodney Bradley (6-0, 190, Sr.)
WR	84	Joe Avery (6-5, 180, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	90	Elliott Purcell (6-3, 250, Sr.)
LDT	95	Vaughn Meatoga (6-2, 290, Jr.)
RDT	99	Haku Correa (6-1, 290, So.)
RDE	42	Paipai Falemalu (6-3, 230, So.)
SLB	24	Aaron Brown (6-1, 205, Jr.)
MLB	5	Jake Heun (6-2, 240, Jr.)
WLB	41	Corey Paredes (5-11, 230, Jr.)
LCB	2	Lemetrius Davis (6-0, 190, Sr.)
RCB	8	Jeramy Bryant (5-10, 170, Sr.)
FS	19	Richard Torres (5-8, 175, Jr.)
SS	43	Mana Silva (6-1, 220, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	20	Scott Enos (5-9, 180, Jr.)
P	31	Alex Dunnachie (6-3, 235, So.)

The Warriors won four in a row late last season but still finished 6-7 and missed their hometown bowl. However, the four-game streak instilled some confidence in a team that started a walk-on at quarterback for much of the year.

This time, the Warriors hope to get a boost from that late-season charge. Junior Bryant Moniz returns at quarterback. A full offseason as the starter should help him improve his accuracy and efficiency. In a run-and-shoot offense that requires the quarterback and receivers to make the same reads, the QB will benefit from three big-play receivers in All-WAC pick Greg Salas (106 catches), Kealoha Pilares (66) and Rodney Bradley, who averaged 18.5 yards per catch before a broken leg ended his season.

Concerns on offense come on the line, with four departures, including four-year starting center John Estes. The offense as a whole must get better in the red zone, where the Warriors were the nation's worst team last year.

On defense, seven starters return from a group that was awful for much of the year and produced just one All-WAC player in departed linebacker Blaze Soares. Still, there's some talent in the group, led by defensive tackle Vaughn Meatoga and safeties Mana Silva (WAC-high 6 INTs) and Richard Torres. The linebacker corps was wiped out, but converted safety Aaron Brown is expected to make a significant impact there.

Former Hawaii quarterback Nick Rolovich, who handled play-calling duties for most of 2009 and sparked an increase in production, has taken over as offensive coordinator. Dave Aranda has grabbed the reins of the defense from coach Greg McMackin.

SAN JOSE STATE 9
SPARTANS

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@ALABAMA	
S.11	@WISCONSIN	
S.18	Southern Utah	
S.25	@UTAH	14-24
O.2	UC Davis	
O.9	@NEVADA	7-62
O.16	Boise State	7-45
O.23	Fresno State	21-41
GAME TO WATCH		
O.30	**@NEW MEXICO STATE**	**13-10**

The Spartans and Aggies could be two of the worst teams in the country again this year. So this is San Jose State's best chance for an FBS win.

N.13	Utah State	9-24
N.20	@HAWAII	17-10(OT)
N.27	Louisiana Tech	20-55
D.4	@IDAHO	25-29

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 2-10 WAC: 1-7

Coach: Mike MacIntyre, 1st year
Offensive coordinator: Tim Landis (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Kent Baer (1st year)

Stadium: Spartan Stadium (30,456)
Tickets: 877-757-8849
Site: San Jose, Calif.
Official athletic Web site: www.sjsuspartans.com

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	12	Jordan La Secla (6-3, 205, Sr.)
RB	15	Brandon Rutley (5-10, 190, Jr.)
LOT	65	Fred Koloto (6-3, 290, Jr.)
LOG	72	Isaac Leatiota (6-4, 305, Sr.)
C	72	Robbie Reed (6-3, 290, Sr.)
ROG	73	Ailao Eliapo (6-2, 320, Sr.)
ROT	78	Andres Vargas (6-4, 305, Jr.)
TE	82	Ryan Otten (6-5, 230, So.
WR	9	Marquis Avery (6-4, 200, Sr.)
WR	88	Jalal Beauchman (6-4, 220, Sr.)
WR	4	Michael Avila (5-9, 175, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	43	Travis Johnson (6-3, 235, So.)
LDT	99	Justin Willis (6-1, 290, Sr.)
RDT	92	Pablo Garcia (6-2, 290, Jr.)
RDE	91	Joe Nigos (6-2, 260, Jr.)
SLB	48	Ryno Gonzalez (6-1, 230, Sr.)
MLB	44	Wade O'Neill (6-1, 225, So.)
WLB	3	Pompey Festejo (6-0, 215, Sr.)
LCB	19	Peyton Thompson (5-11, 170, Jr.)
RCB	30	Ralph Johnson (5-10, 175, Jr.)
FS	40	Tiuke Tuipulotu (5-10, 205, Jr.)
SS	2	Duke Ihenacho (6-1, 210, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	34	Tyler Cope (6-1, 180, Jr.)
P	10	Harrison Waid (6-1, 175, Fr.)

San Jose State's quest for points took a bizarre turn during the offseason. The Spartans, who scored 165 points last year, hired Duke defensive coordinator Mike MacIntyre to replace Dick Tomey as head coach. MacIntyre then hired Hugh Freeze as offensive coordinator, only to lose him to Arkansas State after two months because of a family issue that pushed Freeze closer to home. That left the Spartans without an offensive coordinator for the first couple weeks of spring ball. Finally, after spring break, MacIntyre promoted special teams coach Tim Landis to offensive coordinator.

Landis—a former head coach at Bucknell, Davidson and Saint Mary's—steps into a more difficult spot than MacIntyre, as the offense has struggled for years and the return of nine offensive starters doesn't mean the drought will end in 2010. Four linemen with at least 10 career starts return, as do quarterback Jordan La Secla and wide receivers Marquis Avery and Jalal Beauchman and running backs Lamon Muldrow and Brandon Rutley.

One big problem is that La Secla threw more interceptions (11) than touchdown passes (10) last season, and the linemen and running backs produced a meager 2.6 yards per carry.

The defense, which returns seven starters, has issues, too. The group was the strength of the program until about midway through the 2009 season when the defense had carried the load for one too many games. Injuries and fatigue devastated the unit, which allowed 414 points last year. The line and linebacker corps must be rebuilt, with junior lineman Pablo Garcia and senior linebacker Pompey Festejo expected to excel.

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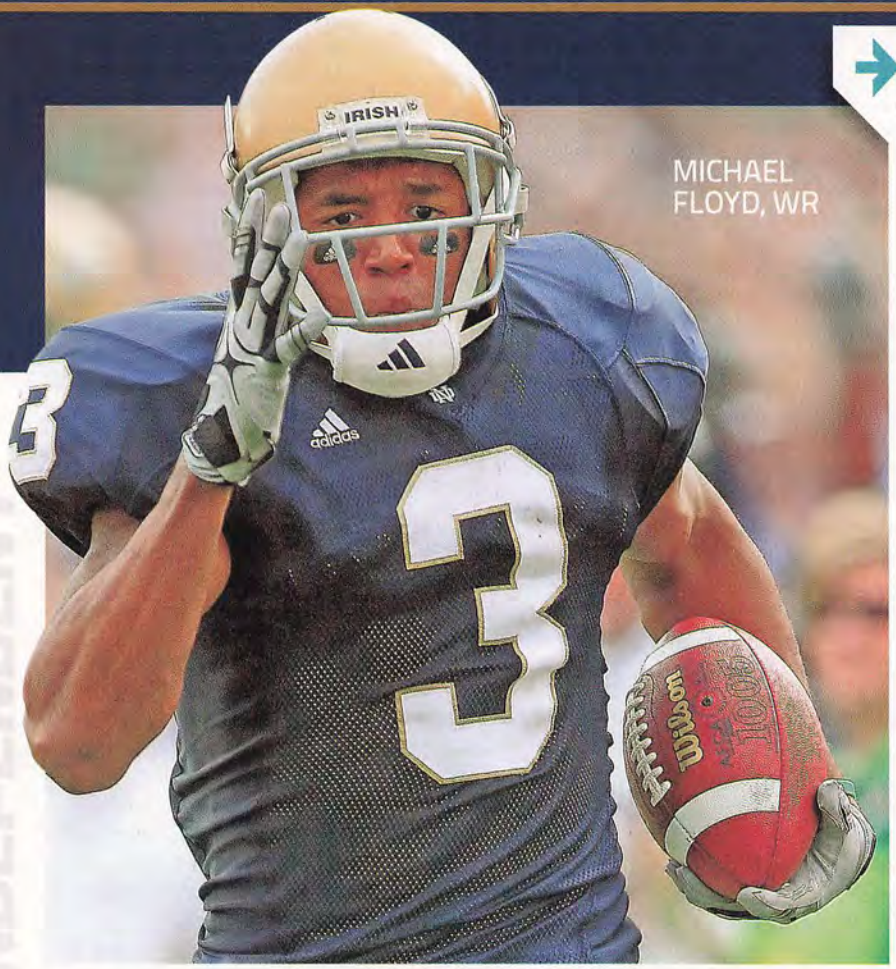
FIGHTING IRISH



MICHAEL FLOYD, WR

BULLET POINTS

- New coach Brian Kelly spent the entire spring incorporating tempo into his new system, which harps on moving fast and forcing players to think on their feet.
- Irish offensive linemen dropped an average of 5-percent body fat thanks to a training table being established for the first time in the football facility.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	Purdue	24-21
S.11	Michigan	34-38
S.18	@MICHIGAN STATE	33-30
S.25	Stanford	38-45
O.2	@BOSTON COLLEGE	20-16
O.9	Pittsburgh	22-27
O.16	Western Michigan	
O.23	@NAVY*	21-23
O.30	Tulsa	
N.13	Utah	
N.20	Army**	

GAME TO WATCH

N.27 @USC 27-34

There's a rivalry game (Michigan, Sept. 11), several paybacks (Stanford, Sept. 25; Pittsburgh, Oct. 9; Navy, Oct. 23), but the only true way the Irish can measure the state of their program is against Southern Cal.

** at East Rutherford, NJ* *** at Bronx, NY*

BOWL PROJECTION

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

The helmets are still gold. But beyond that fixture, the makeover of the Notre Dame football program under new coach Brian Kelly has been extensive.

The pro-style attack on offense favored by former coach Charlie Weis—and former quarterback Jimmy Clausen—has fizzled away, leaving Kelly's signature quick-strike spread offense in vogue. This new strategy requires an amped, uptempo pace that few teams will be able to match.

The defense has said goodbye to the 4-3 and hello to a 3-4 scheme. In this new era, coordinator Bob Diaco is committed to shutting down the run.

Kelly has even instilled a new philosophy. The attempt to run a college program on a professional, NFL-like daily timetable didn't fare well under Weis. Last year, players routinely finished their football obligations—meetings, practice, media and study table, along with dinner—after 10 p.m. Kelly has restructured his players' days to allow them a couple hours "to be college students."

It all sounds good, and Kelly's history of success at Division II power Grand Valley State, Central Michigan and Cincinnati gives his comprehensive plan credibility. But executing it at one of the most visible college football venues in the country will be a test, especially since Kelly rarely had legions of fans and media dissecting and analyzing every move and reading between every line previously. Still, face value is not good enough at Notre Dame.

THE NEXT BIG THING
THEO RIDDICK, WR

There's a reason Riddick was moved from running back to slot receiver. Fighting Irish coach Brian Kelly sees something special in freshman running back Cierre Wood. Now only time will tell if a big-play back can exist in the spread offense.

To aid Kelly's transition, some of last year's key players return, but there are still many holes on the roster.

Kelly, who disdains the concept of a depth chart, will first and foremost have to wrestle with the lack of depth at quarterback.

There's junior Dayne Crist, who has thrown 20 passes (10 completions, 130 yards, 1 TD, 1 interception) in his

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collegiate career. Beyond Crist, however, the backup slot is wide open.

And even Crist isn't a sure thing, as he's coming off ACL surgery from an injury last Halloween against Washington State—the last time the Irish tasted victory during their 6-6 disappointment in 2009.

Walk-on Nate Montana (Joe's oldest son) got a shot as backup quarterback in the spring. Likewise, freshman Tommy Rees was able to test-drive the new playbook. By August, rookies Andrew Hendrix and Luke Massa will have had a hands-on opportunity to learn the new offense.

How that glut of new faces shakes out will be critical to the season.

"There has to be a comfort level where he (the quarterback) and the offense are comfortable with each other," says Kelly of his eventual starter.

Remember, this is the coach who used five quarterbacks during Cincinnati's 12-0 regular-season run last year.

Another lean area on offense is tackle. Matt Romine, Taylor Dever and Zach Martin have nothing more than cameo appearances to show for their Notre Dame careers.

As a result, Kelly is counting on a wealth of returning interior linemen—center Dan Wenger and guards Chris Stewart and Trevor Robinson—along with Braxston Cave, Mike Golic Jr., Andrew Nuss and Chris Watt, who could all shift to tackle at some point.

Michael Floyd is the big-time component of the receiving corps. Sophomore Theo Riddick was moved from running back to slot receiver to add punch to the passing game, thus making room for Cierre Wood, Armando Allen, Jonas Gray and Robert Hughes at running back.

Other options at receiver will be returnees Duval Kamara, John Goodman, Deion Walker, Shaquelle Evans and Roby Toma, along with freshman Tai-ler Jones.

Kyle Rudolph, Mike Ragone, Bobby Burger, Tyler Eifert and Jake Golic offer different options and styles at tight end.

One reason for the trimming at offensive tackle was so defensive end could get a boost. Diaco's ideal defensive front is based on beef. Notre Dame was hurting for size at end, so 6-5, 290-pound Lane Clelland was moved from tackle to end, along with Kapron Lewis-Moore, Ethan Johnson and Sean Cwynar.

Nose guard is a crowded area, with Ian Williams, Hafis Williams, Brandon Newman and Tyler Stockton all in the mix for playing time.

Like end, the Irish needed more muscle at inside linebacker. Steve Paskorz, who never managed to make an impression in three years at fullback, gets a shot at the middle along with David Posluszny, Manti Te'os (a heralded recruit a year ago), Carlo Calabrese and Anthony McDonald.

At least outside linebacker boasts some talent, led by locker-room leader Brian Smith, Darius Fleming and Kerry Neal.

Safety, however, is an area of concern. Harrison Smith is the best hope for stability, but he struggled last year, switching from safety to linebacker at midseason. Now he's back in the secondary. Veterans Darrin Walls, Robert Blanton and Gary Gray have the inside track at cornerback.

—Al Lesar

RECRUITING REPORT

A coaching change and a disappointing season is normally a recipe for recruiting mediocrity. But new coach Brian Kelly held together a strong class for Notre Dame and added some key prospects toward signing day. Kelly landed athlete **Danny Spond**, defensive end **Kona Schwenke** and quarterback **Luke Massa** late in the process.

—Greg Ladky, Rivals.com

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 6-6

Coach: Brian Kelly, 1st year
Career record: 53-22 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator: Charley Molnar (1st year)
Defensive coordinator: Bob Diaco (1st year)

Stadium: Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)
Tickets: 574-631-7356
Site: Notre Dame, Ind.
Official athletic Web site: www.und.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

OFFENSE

PASSING

Dayne Crist	GP	Effic.	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Avg/G
	4	111.10	20-10-1	50.0	130	1	32.5

RUSHING	GP	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Armando Allen	9	142	697	4.9	3	77.4

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Avg/G
Michael Floyd	7	44	795	18.1	9	113.6

DEFENSE

TACKLES	GP	Solo	Assist	Total
Brian Smith	12	37	34	71

SACKS	GP	No.	Yards
Ethan Johnson	12	4	32

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Robert Blanton	2	0	0.0	0
Brian Smith	2	10	5.0	0

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	10	Dayne Crist (6-4, 235, Jr.)
	15	Brian Castello (6-2, 210, Sr.)
FB	86	Bobby Burger (6-2, 245, Sr.)
	33	Robert Hughes (5-11, 245, Sr.)
RB	5	Armando Allen (5-10, 201, Sr.)
	33	Robert Hughes (5-11, 245, Sr.)
LOT	77	Matt Romine (6-5, 298, Sr.)
	68	Alex Bullard (6-3, 290, So.)
LOG	59	Chris Stewart (6-5, 344, Sr.)
	76	Andrew Nuss (6-5, 303, Sr.)
C	51	Dan Wenger (6-4, 297, Sr.)
	57	Mike Golic (6-3, 283, Jr.)
ROG	78	Trevor Robinson (6-5, 300, Jr.)
	52	Braxston Cave (6-3, 309, So.)
ROT	75	Taylor Dever (6-5, 301, Jr.)
	70	Zach Martin (6-4, 280, So.)
TE	9	Kyle Rudolph (6-6, 265, Jr.)
	83	Mike Ragone (6-4, 250, Sr.)
WR	18	Duval Kamara (6-4, 220, Sr.)
	21	Barry Gallup (5-11, 185, Sr.)
WR	3	Michael Floyd (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	81	John Goodman (6-3, 205, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	89	Kapron Lewis-Moore (6-4, 275, Jr.)
	98	Sean Cwynar (6-4, 281, So.)
NT	95	Ian Williams (6-2, 301, Sr.)
	79	Hafis Williams (6-1, 290, Jr.)
RDE	90	Ethan Johnson (6-4, 280, Jr.)
	91	Emeka Nwankwo (6-4, 280, Sr.)
LOLB	56	Kerry Neal (6-2, 244, Sr.)
	45	Darius Fleming (6-2, 245, Jr.)
LILB	5	Manti Te'o (6-2, 250, So.)
	54	Anthony McDonald (6-2, 230, Jr.)
RILB	44	Carlo Calabrese (6-2, 245, So.)
	30	Steve Paskorz (6-1, 245, Sr.)
ROLB	58	Brian Smith (6-3, 234, Sr.)
	46	Steve Filer (6-3, 235, Jr.)
LCB	12	Robert Blanton (6-1, 190, Jr.)
	4	Gary Gray (5-11, 190, Sr.)
RCB	2	Darrin Walls (6-0, 185, Sr.)
	27	E.J. Banks (5-11, 180, So.)
FS	22	Harrison Smith (6-2, 212, Sr.)
	15	Dan McCarthy (6-2, 205, Jr.)
SS	26	Jamoris Slaughter (6-0, 195, Jr.)
	17	Zeke Motta (6-2, 210, So.)

SPECIALISTS

K	40	Nick Tausch (6-0, 190, So.)
P	35	Ben Turk (5-11, 196, So.)

Sporting News All-American

2009 TEAM STATS

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
SCORING	361	311
Points Per Game	30.1	25.9
FIRST DOWNS	293	236
Rushing	106	103
Passing	166	118
Penalty	21	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	1539	2043
Yards gained rushing	1848	2326
Yards lost rushing	309	283
Rushing Attempts	401	430
Average Per Rush	3.8	4.8
Average Per Game	128.2	170.2
TDs Rushing	13	18
PASSING YARDAGE	3882	2730
Att-Comp-Int	301-447-5	198-341-12
Average Per Pass	8.7	8.0
Average Per Catch	12.9	13.8
Average Per Game	323.5	227.5
TDs Passing	30	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	5421	4773
Total Plays	848	771
Average Per Play	6.4	6.2
Average Per Game	451.8	397.8
KICK RETURNS: #-YDS	50-1085	63-1385
PUNT RETURNS: #-YDS	18-232	8-102
INT RETURNS: #-YDS	12-132	5-30

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
KICK RETURN AVG.	21.7	22.0
PUNT RETURN AVG.	12.9	12.8
INT RETURN AVG.	11.0	6.0
FUMBLES-LOST	19-9	16-7
PENALTIES-YARDS	75-666	81-672
Average Per Game	55.5	56.0
PUNTS-YARDS	45-1675	58-2369
Average Per Punt	37.2	40.8
Net punt average	33.6	35.1
TIME OF POSS./GAME	31:55	28:05
3RD-DOWN CONV.	64/156	62/157
3rd-Down Pct.	41%	39%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	9/16	8/13
4th-Down Pct.	56%	62%
SACKS BY-YARDS	20-147	25-173
MISC YARDS	0	0
TDS SCORED	44	38
FG-ATTEMPTS	19-22	14-19
PAT-ATTEMPTS	36-40	35-36
ATTENDANCE	618972	285244
Games/Avg Per Game	8/77372	4/71311
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Notre Dame	69	119	47	109	17	361
Opponent	60	81	72	85	13	311

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

With 10 victories, a 35-13 Texas Bowl win over Missouri, wins against Notre Dame in two of the last three years, a No. 26 ranking in the final poll and dominance over Army, these are the glory days of Navy football.

Entering his third season at the helm of the Midshipmen, Ken Niumatalolo has a nucleus in place to build on the success achieved in his first two seasons (18-10).

What makes the last campaign so impressive was that three of the team's losses—Ohio State, Temple and Hawaii—were by a combined 46 points.

These Midshipmen know how to compete.

"We don't worry about the end result," Niumatalolo says. "We worry about the process of getting there. That is how we've always done it."

The place to start in Navy's triple-option offense is quarterback. And Ricky Dobbs is back after a phenomenal 2009 (1,203 yards, 27 rushing TDs; 1,031 yards, 6 passing TDs).

He is Navy's "Magic Man."

The explosive Dobbs is entering his third year as Navy's starting quarterback, and his knowledge of the offense makes him a dangerous weapon.

He'll make use of returning slotbacks Marcus Curry and Gee Gee Greene and fullback Vince Murray, who combined for 1,809 rushing yards last season. Curry was Navy's top receiver in '09, with 10 receptions for 287 yards.

The Midshipmen offense was the fourth-best rushing attack in the country (280.5 yards a game) thanks to a dependable line blocking for those talented skill players.

Matt Molloy (right) and Jeff Battipaglia (left) were regulars at tackle last year and will see significant time there again. Center Eric Douglass and guard David Hong received spot starts last year and won't be coming in cold this season.

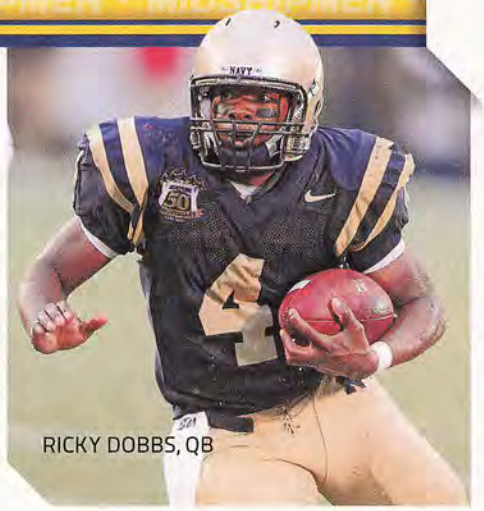
Inside linebacker Tyler Simmons, who ranked third on the team with 68 tackles last season, will have to step into the "eliminator" role that Ross Pospisil (107 tackles) played last year when the Midshipmen ranked 34th in the country in total defense (335.2 yards a game).

Inside linebacker Caleb King and defensive end Billy Yarborough both lack experience. But the secondary is strong and dependable with Wyatt Middleton (rover), Emmett Merchant (free safety) and Kevin Edwards (cornerback).

Chase Burge returns after starting six games at nose tackle in '09 and will battle Shane Bothel there.

If there's one defender on track to reach an elite level, it's end Jabaree Tuani. The 6-1, 265-pound junior had 54 tackles and 3.5 sacks last year and shows no signs of slowing down.

—*Al Lesar*



RICKY DOBBS, QB

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 10-4
(beat Missouri in the Texas Bowl, 35-13)

Coach: Ken Niumatalolo, 3rd year (18-10)
Career record: 18-10
Offensive coordinator: Ivin Jasper (3rd year)
Defensive coordinator: Buddy Green (9th year)

Stadium: Navy-Marine Corps Stadium (34,000)
Tickets: 800-USA-NAVY
Site: Annapolis, Md.
Official athletic Web site: www.navysports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

THE NEXT BIG THING
JABAREE TUANI, DE

Tuani was good last season, earning 54 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, one interception, one fumble recovery and two forced fumbles. This could be the year the 6-1, 265-pound junior becomes great.

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
GAME TO WATCH		
S.6	@MARYLAND*	

There's no more prestigious game than Army-Navy (Dec. 11), but the Labor Day season opener against the Terps is a chance for the Midshipmen to establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

S.11	Georgia Southern	
S.18	@LOUISIANA TECH	32-14
O.2	@AIR FORCE	16-13 (OT)
O.9	@WAKE FOREST	13-10
O.16	SMU	38-35 (OT)
O.23	Notre Dame**	23-21
O.30	Duke	
N.6	@EAST CAROLINA	
N.13	Central Michigan	
N.20	Arkansas State	
D.11	Army***	17-3

** at Baltimore*
*** at East Rutherford, NJ*
****at Philadelphia*

BOWL PROJECTION
POINSETTIA BOWL

BULLET POINTS

- While Ricky Dobbs is "the man" for the Midshipmen at quarterback, Kriss Proctor is a good backup to have around.
- Young linebackers could be a problem for the Navy defense.
- It's amazing how third-year coach Ken Niumatalolo has been able to take a solid Navy program to the brink of the elite.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	4	Ricky Dobbs (6-1, 198, Sr.)
FB	47	Vince Murray (6-1, 217, Sr.)
RB	28	Marcus Curry (5-11, 200, Jr.)
RB	17	Mike Stukel (5-11, 195, Jr.)
LOT	61	Jeff Battipaglia (6-4, 256, Sr.)
LOG	65	Josh Cabral (6-3, 285, So.)
C	71	Eric Douglass (6-2, 273, Jr.)
ROG	63	David Hong (6-3, 278, Jr.)
ROT	70	Matt Molloy (6-3, 280, Sr.)
WR	84	Greg Jones (5-10, 182, Sr.)
WR	82	Doug Furman (6-3, 196, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	98	Jabaree Tuani (6-1, 265, Jr.)
NT	95	Shane Bothel (6-3, 252, Sr.)
RDE	90	Billy Yarborough (6-5, 240, Sr.)
LOLB	29	Aaron McCauley (5-10, 194, Jr.)
LILB	54	Tyler Simmons (6-3, 228, Sr.)
RILB	57	Caleb King (6-0, 223, Jr.)
ROLB	31	Jerry Hauburger (6-0, 214, Sr.)
LCB	11	Kwesi Mitchell (5-10, 189, Jr.)
RCB	15	Kevin Edwards (6-2, 180, Sr.)
FS	7	Emmett Merchant (5-9, 186, Sr.)
SS	8	Wyatt Middleton (6-0, 208, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	16	Joe Buckley (5-9, 176, Sr.)
P	35	Kyle Delahooke (6-1, 207, Sr.)

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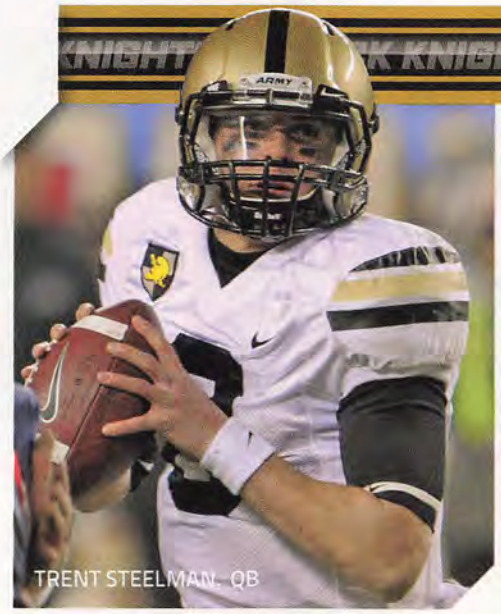
ARMY
BLACK KNIGHTS

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	'09 RESULT
S.4	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	27-14
S.11	Hawaii	
S.18	North Texas	17-13
S.25	@DUKE	19-35
O.2	Temple	13-27
O.9	@TULANE	16-17
O.16	@RUTGERS*	10-27
O.30	VMI	22-17
N.6	Air Force	7-35
N.13	@KENT STATE	
N.20	@NOTRE DAME**	
GAME TO WATCH		
D.11	@NAVY***	3-17

The Black Knights are on the cusp of turning their program around. But that won't happen until they find a way to beat the Midshipmen.

** at East Rutherford, NJ*
*** at Bronx, NY*
****at Philadelphia*



TRENT STEELMAN, QB

Rich Ellerson was hired as the head football coach at Army before the 2009 season with a mandate to stop the bleeding. Despite some progress with a 5-7 campaign, Army increased its record to 13 losing seasons.

Now the honeymoon is over and the leader of the Black Knights seems poised to turn things around. Where it goes from here will be the measure of the program.

"We have last year at our backs. We know what the physical environment is, it's very challenging," Ellerson says. "We are on track to (end the losing streak). I really believe in the things we are doing and the progress we are making."

If the Black Knights are able to put things together this season, they'll have sophomore quarterback Trent Steelman to thank for it. Steelman will navigate Army's challenging triple-option offense—a daunting task for any young quarterback.

"He is much more comfortable in a leadership role, much more comfortable running the offense," Ellerson says of Steelman. "The reactions and decisions that go along with that position are all so much more intuitive for him."

To help Steelman orchestrate the offensive activity, the Black Knights will surround him with some quality athletes. Patrick Mealy and Jameson Carter provide experience in the backfield, while newcomer Jared Hassin has the potential to add explosiveness.

Even though the Army offense is predicated on the run, receiver Davyd Brooks will be a threat catching the ball.

Army's defense, ranked 16th in the country last season, will have eight starters back, fortified by linebackers Stephen Anderson and Andrew Rodriguez, who led the Black Knights in tackles (85) last season. Steve Erzinger will be a factor on the outside.

Ellerson has also tinkered with some personnel to improve depth.

Kingsley Ehie was converted from fullback to middle linebacker just in case Anderson, who is returning from a late-season knee injury, is slow to progress. So far, Ehie's impact has been positive.

Defensive back Donovan Travis, who led Army with four interceptions last season, is the stabilizing influence in the secondary. Defensive tackle Mike Gann, whose father (by the same name) played the same position at Notre Dame and for nine years in the NFL, will anchor the defensive line.

Jonathan Bulls has the punting job nailed down, but kicking duties could come down to a battle between last year's regular, Alex Carlton, and Matt Campbell.

—Al Lesar

BULLET POINTS

- Army has a chance for a fast start this season with contests against Eastern Michigan, Hawaii, North Texas and Duke.
- Army and Notre Dame will play the first-ever football game in the new Yankee Stadium.
- Army's offense scored just 18 touchdowns last season.

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE

QB	8	Trent Steelman (6-0, 185, So.)
FB	16	Carson Williams (6-3, 212, Sr.)
RB	5	Patrick Mealy (5-8, 203, Sr.)
RB	15	Jameson Carter (5-11, 187, Sr.)
LOT	68	Mike McDermott (6-6, 255, Jr.)
LOG	73	Anees Merzi (6-3, 283, Sr.)
C	57	Zachary Peterson (6-1, 267, Sr.)
ROG	54	Seth Reed (6-1, 275, Sr.)
ROT	67	Jason Johnson (6-3, 257, Sr.)
WR	87	Austin Barr (6-4, 203, Jr.)
WR	13	Davyd Brooks (6-3, 200, Jr.)

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Marcus Hilton (6-0, 247, Sr.)
LDT	62	Christopher Swain (6-3, 260, Jr.)
RDT	93	Mike Gann (6-2, 275, Sr.)
RDE	44	Joshua McNary (6-1, 225, Sr.)
SLB	42	Andrew Rodriguez (6-3, 210, Jr.)
MLB	50	Stephen Anderson (5-10, 229, Sr.)
WLB	9	Steve Erzinger (6-1, 215, Jr.)
LCB	20	Jordan Trimble (5-10, 190, Sr.)
RCB	3	Antuan Aaron (5-9, 193, Jr.)
FS	6	Donovan Travis (6-1, 190, Sr.)
SS	15	Donnie Dixon (6-0, 196, Sr.)

SPECIALISTS

K	39	Alex Carlton (6-0, 186, Jr.)
P	18	Jonathan Bulls (6-1, 217, Sr.)

QUICK HITS

2009 RECORD: 5-7

Coach: Rich Ellerson, 2nd year (5-7)
Career record: 5-7 (FBS)
Offensive coordinator: Ian Shields (2nd year)
Defensive coordinators: Payam Saadat (2nd year), Chris Smeland (2nd year)

Stadium: Michie Stadium (40,000)
Tickets: 877-TIX-ARMY
Site: West Point, N.Y.
Official athletic Web site: www.goarmysports.com

5-YEAR WINS TREND

THE NEXT BIG THING
JARED HASSIN, FB

With his speed, size and explosiveness, this 6-3, 218-pound sophomore will add another dimension to the Army offense.

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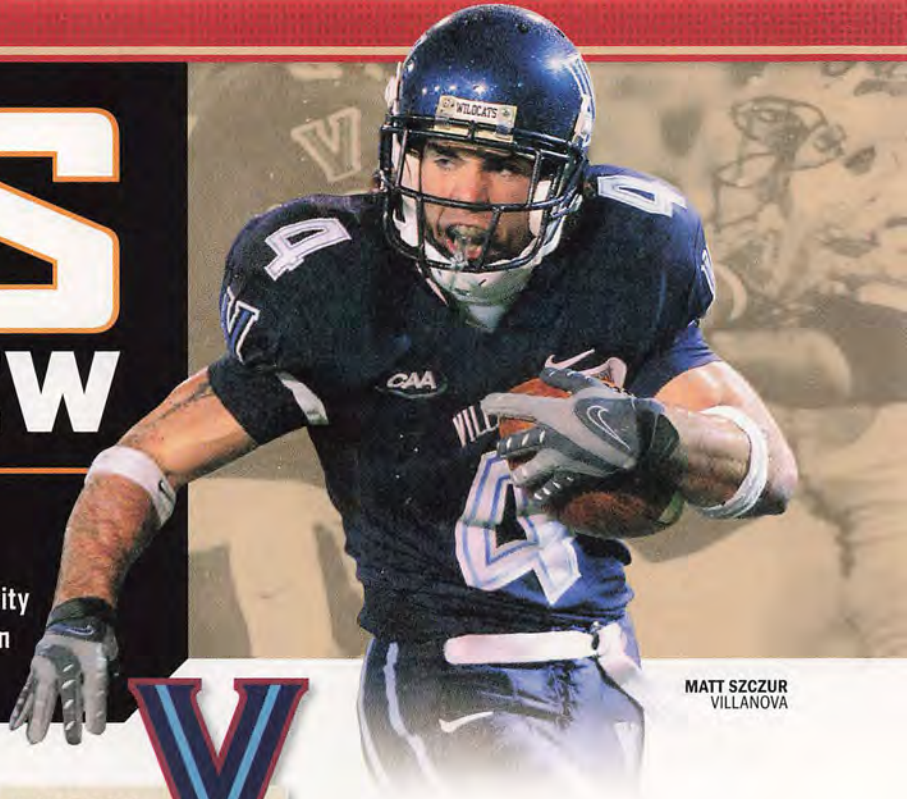
FCS OVERVIEW

Opportunity knocks

The FCS looks to continue its growing popularity with an expanded postseason and new location and date for the championship game.



MATT SZCZUR
VILLANOVA

By Matt McKenzie, Assistant Editor

Last year's semifinal game between Appalachian State and Montana—a 24-17 thriller that came down to the last play against the backdrop of a snowstorm—was the highest-rated FCS playoff broadcast in cable history.

And with numerous changes coming to the postseason in 2010, the hope is more college football fans will continue to be attracted to the division formerly known as I-AA, which is the highest NCAA level to use a playoff to determine its football champion.

This year, the FCS playoffs will be expanded from 16 teams to 20, with the Big South and NEC now gaining automatic qualifying bids. The Division I Football Championship Game will also switch locations, leaving Chattanooga, Tenn., for Frisco, Texas. Finally, the game shifts from mid-December to Jan. 7, three nights before the BCS Championship Game.

"I know some people will look at the changes as a 'glass half-empty,' but I personally look at that glass half or even three-quarters full," says Damani Leech, the NCAA director for baseball and football. "We now have a lot of opportunity to grow the championship."

Leech says talks about expanding the playoffs have been ongoing for several years, given the disproportionate ratio between the size of the former bracket and the growing number of members in the FCS.

"Among the NCAA sports, our playoff is one of the more difficult to get into," Leech says. "All eligible conferences that applied for an (automatic qualifying bid) did not get one. The NEC had applied for years and was eligible, but was not able to get one. So that was really the impetus of the movement, to accommodate that.

"For the teams previously on the outside looking in, they now get a chance to be under the tent and in the championship, so to speak, even if it's just for one game. But the beauty is you really don't know how things are going to go until you play the games."

TOP 25

1. VILLANOVA
2. MONTANA
3. APPALACHIAN STATE
4. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
5. RICHMOND
6. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
7. SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
8. JAMES MADISON
9. ELON
10. NEW HAMPSHIRE
11. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
12. MONTANA STATE
13. WILLIAM & MARY
14. HOLY CROSS
15. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
16. ILLINOIS STATE
17. SAMFORD
18. DELAWARE
19. EASTERN KENTUCKY
20. COLGATE
21. EASTERN WASHINGTON
22. WOFFORD
23. PENN
24. CAL POLY
25. NORTHERN IOWA

But not everyone is sold on the new format.

"To be truthful, not really," says Appalachian State coach Jerry Moore when asked if he was in favor of the change. "There were always a group of teams that feel like they were left out, but I liked the 16-team (format), felt it was right. … I guess I just had a comfort zone with it.

"The next four teams they let in, are they going to bring that much to it? That's what I want to know. You want to showcase the top teams in the conference in the playoffs, and I just don't want anything to detract from where (the FCS) has gotten to be."

The new format will have 12 teams (with the top five seeded) receiving a first-round bye, with the remaining eight playing in the first round. There will now be 10 automatic qualifier bids, leaving 10 at-large spots. The start of the playoffs remains the same, with the first round taking place over Thanksgiving weekend.

With the additional round, it would have put the title game during Christmas weekend, which Leech acknowledges was not going to work. Discussions were held with ESPN (which televises the contest), and the decision was made to shift the date into January. Leech adds that the break in between the semifinals and championship game will give fans a better opportunity to make travel plans to attend.

For the first time in 14 years, the championship won't be in Chattanooga's Finley Stadium. The NCAA's contract with Chattanooga ran out in 2009, and bids were then taken from potential host cities. From the five that submitted bids, the finalists were narrowed down to Chattanooga and Frisco.

Those two cities then made presentations to the FCS playoff committee, and one member called Frisco's "one of the best I've ever seen."

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TOP PLAYERS

OFFENSE	DEFENSE	NEWCOMER
Matt Szczur, WR Villanova	**J.C. Sherritt, LB** Eastern Washington	**Aaron Corp, QB** Richmond

"There's a lot of potential in the Frisco area," says Jim O'Day, a member of the 10-man committee and Montana's athletic director. "We know how football is seriously viewed in the state of Texas. Their facilities are outstanding, and they were really organized in their bid."

The game will take place at Pizza Hut Park, the home of Major League Soccer's FC Dallas. It seats nearly 21,200 (about equal to Finley Stadium), but the hope is Frisco can draw more fans with its close proximity to the the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area.

However, there are a few potential roadblocks with the sweeping new changes. While the new location is nearer to the center of the country, it could pose a longer travel time for most FCS schools.

"There's a good 75 to 80 percent of our membership that's located east of the Mississippi, so we're fully aware that we're moving away from a larger population of schools," Leech says. "But we also realize that with bracket expansion and the date change, it provides an opportunity for schools to ramp up support for their fans."

The Division I championship game will also take place the same night as the Cotton Bowl at Cowboys Stadium. Leech says there's some concern about the two games going head-to-head, but not enough to move the date.

"We certainly don't want to cannibalize the college football audience," says Leech, who adds that the plans for the Division I championship game are to kick off about an hour before the Cotton Bowl. "But the Dallas-Fort Worth area has about 6.5 million people. We're looking for 20,000 to show up (in Frisco), so I think there's enough room there for both games."

And when the fans do show up, it wouldn't be a surprise if they saw the same two teams from last year's championship game, Villanova and Montana.

The Wildcats, who won their first FCS title last year, return 14 starters—a number that coach Andy Talley hopes to increase by one.

The player in question is all-purpose athlete Matt Szczur, who rushed for a career-high 159 yards and two touchdowns and added 68 receiving yards in the championship game. Last year, Szczur scored touchdowns via passing, rushing, receiving and kick returns.

The 5-11, 195-pound senior captured both the CAA's Offensive Player and Special Teams Player of the Year last season. But while Szczur is a football star, he is just as good (if not better) at baseball. At press time, Szczur, who plays outfield for Villanova's baseball team, was among the NCAA's top 15 hitters and has the potential to be an early-round pick in June's MLB amateur draft.

"I think if he gets offered a large amount of money, he would probably go," Talley says. "If he does decide to come back, that'd be great. He's a difference-maker, a super player—the best I've had since Brian Westbrook."

Regardless of Szczur's decision, Villanova has quality players in quarterback Chris Whitney and All-America selections in offensive tackle Ben Ijalana and linebacker Terence Thomas.

"The big question mark is, how do we respond carrying the title of national champion and what will that do to our program?" says Talley, who is entering his 26th season with the Wildcats. "Whatever the X-factor was last year, we had it. We weren't going to go away. You had to beat us; we weren't going to beat ourselves.

"Will that carry over now that we're national champions? That's the question. We really won't know until we get to the field, but I have a feeling we still have that intangible. I feel we can fill the spots."

Of course, the Wildcats will have to first make their way through the Colonial, arguably the FCS' toughest conference. Six teams from the CAA are ranked in *Sporting News'* Top 25, and the league now boasts back-to-back champions (Richmond won the title in 2008).

"The toughest thing for us is to get out of our own league and survive that," Talley says. "Anyone who can survive our league and get to the playoffs, because of the tremendous parity in the league, you really set yourself up for the postseason. If we can be really competitive in the CAA, I think we'll have a shot at repeating."

Montana's appearance in the championship game last year was its second straight and fifth in the last 10 years. But a week after losing in the title contest, coach Bobby Hauck left for UNLV. The school promoted from within, moving wide receivers coach Robin Pflugrad to the top spot. With quarterback Andrew Selle and All-America running back Chase Reynolds back along with a defense that's notoriously tough to hang points on, expect the Grizzlies to again make noise this postseason.

Although Moore loses all-world quarterback Armanti Edwards, the Mountaineers need to replace just four other starters and have a strong contingent of star players returning on both sides of the ball.

Even with two additional automatic bids and four new teams overall, it's a decent bet the national champion will come out of the Colonial or Southern, as teams from those leagues have captured the title in nine of the last 11 years.

SportingNews FCS ALL-AMERICA TEAM

CHASE REYNOLDS
MONTANA

OFFENSE

QB	Jeremy Moses	(6-0, 200, Sr.) Stephen F. Austin
RB	Chase Reynolds	(6-0, 195, Sr.) Montana
RB	Kyle Minett	(5-10, 205, Sr.) South Dakota State
OL	Ben Ijalana	(6-4, 320, Sr.) Villanova
OL	David Pickard	(6-5, 290, Sr.) Southern Illinois
OL	Johnny Culbreath	(6-6, 310, Sr.) South Carolina State
OL	David Arkin	(6-5, 302, Sr.) Missouri State
OL	D.J. Hall	(6-3, 300, Jr.) Texas State
TE	Stephen Skelton	(6-5, 244, Sr.) Fordham
WR	Matt Szczur	(5-11, 195, Sr.) Villanova
WR	Tysson Poots	(6-3, 205, Sr.) Southern Utah
K	Matt Bevins	(6-2, 185, Jr.) Liberty
RS	Mareo Howard	(5-8, 180, Jr.) Arkansas-Pine Bluff

DEFENSE

DL	Christian Clark	(6-3, 265, Sr.) Sacramento State
DL	Martin Parker	(6-3, 283, r-Jr.) Richmond
DL	Christian Anthony	(6-4, 275, Sr.) Grambling State
DL	Malcolm Taylor	(6-3, 245, Jr.) Alcorn State
LB	J.C. Sherritt	(5-10, 220, Sr.) Eastern Washington
LB	D.J. Smith	(6-1, 220, Sr.) Appalachian State
LB	Terence Thomas	(6-0, 230, Sr.) Villanova
DB	Korey Lindsey	(6-0, 190, Sr.) Southern Illinois
DB	Mark LeGree	(6-0, 200, Sr.) Appalachian State
DB	Jason House	(6-0, 190, r-Sr.) Southern
DB	T.J. Heath	(6-1, 170, Sr.) Jacksonville State
P	Jonathan Plisco	(6-0, 220, r-So.) Old Dominion

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BIG SKY

PREDICTIONS

1 → Montana
2 → Montana State
3 → Eastern Washington
4 → Northern Arizona
5 → Weber State
6 → Sacramento State
7 → Idaho State
8 → Northern Colorado
9 → Portland State

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Chase Reynolds, RB, Montana
defense → J.C. Sherritt, LB, Eastern Washington
newcomer → Bo Levi Mitchell, QB, Eastern Washington

GAME TO WATCH

9/18/10 Montana at Eastern Washington

This early-season matchup may indicate if any team can challenge the Grizzlies' Big Sky supremacy.

Hauck's departure won't slow the Grizz's show

By Mike Sorensen
The (Salt Lake City) Deseret News

Whenever a college football program changes coaches, there's always a worry the team will struggle as it adjusts to a new leader.

That shouldn't be a problem at Montana, the most successful football program in the Football Championship Subdivision over the past two decades. The Grizzlies just keep on truckin' no matter who's in charge.

Montana has made the FCS playoffs 17 straight years under four different coaches and played in the championship seven times—including each of the past two seasons.

Soon after last year's 23-21 loss to Villanova in the finals of the FCS playoffs, coach Bobby Hauck (80-17 in seven seasons) left to take the head coaching job at UNLV. **Montana** then hired Robin Pflugrad, who had been an assistant coach at Oregon, Washington State and Arizona State before serving as the wide receivers coach in Missoula last season.

Hauck didn't leave the cupboard bare for Pflugrad, who has 12 returning starters, including quarterback Andrew Selle (3,043 passing yards, 28 TDs) and running back Chase Reynolds, who ran for 1,502 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2009.

On defense, the Grizzlies boast All-Big Sky cornerback Trumaine Johnson, who led the team with five interceptions, and defensive end Severin Campbell, who had 10.5 tackles for loss a year ago.

If anyone is going to challenge the Grizzlies, it could be in-state rival **Montana State**, which returns 17 starters from last season, including nine on the defensive side, where the Bobcats led the league by allowing 343.9 yards per game. It will be tough to replace All-America end Dane Fletcher, but the rest of the line returns along with the secondary.

On offense, Cody Kempt is back at quarterback, while C.J. Palmer is the top returning running back. A deep corps of receivers returns as well, including Elvis Akpla and Everette Gilbert.

It worked with Boise State's blue turf, so perhaps installing red turf at Woodward Field will turn **Eastern Washington** into an FCS power. The Eagles have an outstanding linebacker in J.C. Sherritt, who finished second last year in the voting for the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the FCS' top defensive player.

Junior Taiwan Jones, a third-team "all-purpose" All-American, will concentrate on running back this year for the Eagles. A pair of transfers in Bo Levi Mitchell, a two-year starter at SMU, and Greg Panelli from Modesto (Calif.) Junior College will battle for the quarterback position vacated by all-conference honoree Matt Nichols.

Northern Arizona has perhaps the league's top quarterback in senior Michael Herrick, who was the ninth-place finisher for the Walter Payton Award last year after passing for 3,356 yards and 22 touchdowns.

The Lumberjacks return seven starters on defense, led by first-team all-league safety Matt Estrada (78 tackles) and defensive end Isaac Bond (8.5 sacks). If NAU can learn how to finish the season—the team has lost its final four games each of the past two years—it could grab a playoff berth.

Weber State may take a step back in 2010 after losing a lot of talent from last year's FCS playoff team. The Wildcats lost a pair of All-Americans in center Kyle Mutcher and cornerback Josh Morris, not to mention four-year starting running back Trevyn Smith and receiver Tim Toone, who led the league with 83 receptions.

Coach Ron McBride does return quarterback Cameron Higgins, who will try to bounce back from a subpar year in which he threw 20 interceptions to go with 3,326 passing yards and 30 touchdowns. Inside linebacker Taylor Sedillo, a first-team all-league selection, leads the Wildcat defense.

Sacramento State finished in a tie for fifth last year thanks to the play of safety Zach Schrader, who was named Big Sky Newcomer of the Year after making 102 tackles (fourth best in the league) and four interceptions. Another newcomer, wide receiver Brandyn Reed, earned second-team all-league honors after catching 46 passes. Quarterback Jason Smith returns for his senior year after throwing for 12 touchdowns in '09.

Idaho State had a dismal 2009, which started with losses to Arizona State and Oklahoma by a combined score of 114-3 and eight straight defeats after that. However, the 10th loss was nearly the FCS upset of the year against unbeaten Montana. The Bengals lost 12-10 on a last-second field goal, then turned around and defeated Portland State 41-34 to end the season. A.J. Storms, a first-team All-Big Sky linebacker, is the top returning defender, and Russel Hill is back at quarterback. The Bengals also have several transfers.

After winning just one game in three straight years, **Northern Colorado** made some progress with three wins last year (only one in Big Sky play), finishing in a tie for last. Most of the Bears' experience comes on the defensive side with the likes of linebacker John Eddy, cornerback Korey Askew and safety Max Hewitt. Leading rusher Andre Harris returns at running back.

The Jerry Glanville experiment didn't work at **Portland State**, where the former NFL head coach resigned after a 9-24 record in three seasons. The Vikings hired a coach less than half Glanville's age in 33-year-old Nigel Burton, who was previously defensive coordinator at Nevada. Burton, the first black head football coach in Big Sky history, has only one all-conference performer returning in sophomore kicker Zach Brown, who made 18 of 25 field goals last season.

BIG SOUTH

Bell for league's first automatic NCAA bid will toll for Liberty

By Chris Lang
The (Lynchburg, Va.) News & Advance

For the first time since the conference began sponsoring football in 2002, the Big South's champion will be given an automatic berth into the expanded 20-team FCS playoff field this year. In the league's first eight seasons, only Coastal Carolina earned an at-large bid, going 9-2 in 2006 to land a spot in the former 16-team field.

Coastal Carolina never recaptured the magic from that run, and Liberty has taken over as the league's top team. In the last three seasons, Liberty has posted a 14-1 Big South record, with its only loss coming last season when Stony Brook drove 74 yards in the final minute to rally past the Flames.

The Seawolves have emerged as the top challenger to Liberty's Big South supremacy, though both of the Flames' top rivals—Stony Brook and Charleston Southern—must travel to Lynchburg, Va., to unseat the beast.

Last season was supposed to be a retooling year for **Liberty** (8-3 overall, 5-1 Big South). Instead, the Flames increased their Big South win streak to 16 games before losing to Stony Brook in the season finale. Liberty led the FCS in turnover margin (plus-1.91 per game) and scoring offense (36.4 points per game).

Mike Brown was named Big South Offensive Player of the Year while splitting his time at quarterback and receiver. Brown will be Liberty's full-time QB this year, giving the team an athletic threat at the position. University of Massachusetts transfer Korrey Davis, who played high school ball in Lynchburg, should be the every-down running back Liberty lacked last season.

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Mike Brown, QB, Liberty
defense → Marty Patterson, LB, Gardner-Webb
newcomer → Korrey Davis, RB, Liberty

Defensively, the Flames, who return five starters, will be faster and more athletic, especially at linebacker and in the secondary. One of Liberty's biggest weapons is kicker Matt Bevins, an All-American who tied for the national lead in field goals (2.0 per game) last season.

Stony Brook coach Chuck Priore rode the legs of the tailback duo of Edwin Gowins and Conte Cuttino (1,690 combined rushing yards and 13 TDs) to a share of the Big South championship in 2009. Though Cuttino is gone, Gowins is back, leaving the Seawolves (6-5, 5-1) as Liberty's top challenger. Stony Brook wasn't one-dimensional last year, as junior college transfer Michael Coulter emerged as a reliable threat at quarterback.

Stony Brook took advantage of the demise of its Long Island football neighbor, Hofstra, which disbanded its program in November. Brock Jackolski joins Gowins in the backfield after racking up nearly 2,000 all-purpose yards in two years with the Pride. Miguel Maysonet, another running back, transferred from Hofstra as well.

Defensively, the Seawolves welcome another transfer, Al-Majid Hutchins, a cornerback who played in six games for Rutgers in 2009.

Charleston Southern (6-5, 4-2) followed a familiar pattern last year, starting slowly against a brutal schedule before rallying for a respectable finish in the Big South race. The Buccaneers beat league co-champion Stony Brook at home in overtime and lost by a touchdown to the other co-champion, Liberty, at home. They must travel to face both this season.

The Bucs return everyone who matters on offense, including quarterback A.J. Toscano, all-purpose threat Gerald Stevenson and tailbacks Antwan Ivey and DeMarcus Moon. Defensively, two key members of the linebacking corps, Fred Godfrey and Chris Patrick, are back, as is defensive end Joel Walton (6 sacks in 2009).

Coastal Carolina (5-6, 3-3) improved after going 1-4 in Big South games two seasons ago. But the Chanticleers are well removed from their glory days, when they won three straight league titles between 2004-06. Coastal struggled on offense last year, failing to reach 20 points five times, and the coaching staff began simplifying the terminology as the season went along.

The process continued in the offseason. The Chanticleers will switch to a zone-blocking scheme in hopes of jump-starting a rushing attack that averaged just 153 yards per contest last year.

Aramis Hillary, a transfer from South Carolina, will give returning quarterbacks Zach MacDowall and Jamie Childers plenty of competition for the starting job. All-America cornerback Josh Norman leads the defense.

Since 2004, **Gardner-Webb** (6-5, 3-3) has been the picture of mediocrity. The Runnin' Bulldogs have finished either 5-6 or 6-5 in each of the last six seasons and last year continued a trend where they faded in November after strong starts. The Bulldogs will break in a new quarterback after the departure of senior Stan Doolittle, and they must replace one of the top receivers in the conference in Dobson Collins. As usual, the Bulldogs' strength on defense will be a linebacking corps led by Marty Patterson, a hard hitter who racked up 110 tackles last season.

VMI (2-9, 1-5) figured to be one of the most improved teams in the conference last season when it returned 19 starters. Instead, it took a big step back and beat only winless Presbyterian in conference play. The Keydets' spread-option attack will have to plug along without quarterback Tim Maypray and running back Howard Abegesah, who combined for 2,820 all-purpose yards a year ago. The Keydets allowed 403.7 yards per game defensively last year and turned the ball over 35 times.

Presbyterian (0-11, 0-6) allowed 40.1 points per game last season. In the final year of a transition to Division I, the Blue Hose return some playmakers on offense, but QB Brandon Miley, who was outstanding as a freshman, must improve on a rough sophomore campaign in which he threw 16 picks.

PREDICTIONS

1 → Liberty
2 → Stony Brook
3 → Charleston Southern
4 → Coastal Carolina
5 → Gardner-Webb
6 → VMI
7 → Presbyterian

GAME TO WATCH

11/20/10 Stony Brook at Liberty

The Flames were 55 seconds away from a third straight outright Big South championship last November when Stony Brook drove 74 yards for a touchdown to claim a share of the title. The teams will meet in the regular-season finale in Lynchburg, Va., for a rematch.

COLONIAL

PREDICTIONS

1 → Villanova
2 → Richmond
3 → James Madison
4 → New Hampshire
5 → William & Mary
6 → Delaware
7 → Massachusetts
8 → Maine
9 → Towson
10 → Rhode Island

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Matt Szczur, RB/WR, Villanova
defense → Martin Parker, DT, Richmond
newcomer → Aaron Corp, QB, Richmond

Despite downsizing, Colonial favorites still best in FCS

By John O'Connor
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Ascending in the Colonial Athletic Association this year will be a big challenge, especially for Towson, a team that will play five former national champions—all conference foes—this fall.

The Tigers enter their seventh Colonial season still seeking a winning conference record. While Towson seems to be improving, its streak of mediocrity is likely to continue due to the presence of so many national-caliber CAA programs.

In the last seven years, four different CAA teams have won FCS titles—Villanova, Richmond, James Madison and Delaware—with Villanova and Richmond taking the previous two championships. Last season alone, eight of 12 Colonial members were ranked at some point and four of the top seven teams in the final FCS poll were from the conference.

This season features a streamlined Colonial, down to 10 teams and one division after Hofstra and Northeastern dropped football. Support for those programs was relatively thin, and neither had challenged the CAA's best in recent years.

Yet the Colonial plans to return to 12 members, as Old Dominion comes aboard next season with Georgia State following in 2012.

This year, however, Villanova will defend its FCS title with most of last year's group back, led by 2009 CAA Offensive Player of the Year Matt Szczur, a running back/wide receiver hybrid who also returns kickoffs and occasionally throws the ball. Also an accomplished baseball player, there's a chance Szczur could enter the Major League Baseball draft before the season.

Villanova coach Andy Talley, the 2009 CAA Coach of the Year, recognizes the 5-11, 195-pounder as "a spectacular player, the most talented that I've had since (Villanova alumnus) Brian Westbrook."

The CAA's quarterback report features Delaware's Pat Devlin (a transfer from Penn State), Richmond's Aaron Corp (a transfer from USC) and William & Mary's Mike Paulus (a transfer from North Carolina).

Assuming Matt Szczur does not go pro in baseball, **Villanova** (14-1 overall, 7-1 CAA) leads the conference with one of the most versatile and potent players in the FCS. He scored touchdowns on runs, receptions and kickoff returns last season and also passed for a touchdown.

Szczur's explosive first steps, uncommon leg strength and deceptive speed make him hard to handle, as he demonstrated in the 23-21 win over Montana in the national championship game. On his way to becoming the game's Most Outstanding Player, Szczur rushed 14 times for 159 yards and caught four passes for 68 yards.

If Szczur running behind 6-4, 325-pound All-America tackle Ben Ijalana doesn't cause defenses to panic, quarterback Chris Whitney doing so might. The 6-2, 230-pound senior rushed for 987 yards last season. Whitney's throwing motion isn't textbook, but he is an accurate passer.

As long as Szczur and Whitney are running behind Ijalana in the Wildcats' spread attack, Villanova will be an offensive force in the CAA. Last year it led the league by a substantial margin—an average of 240.3 rushing yards.

The Wildcats' defense features linebackers Terence Thomas and Marquis Kirkland, as well as a couple of the league's top defensive backs in safety John Dempsey and cornerback Jimmy Pitts.

There is no way to predict what **Richmond** (11-2, 7-1) will do in new coach Latrell Scott's first year. Scott, a Richmond native who was an assistant for the Spiders, as well as for Tennessee and Virginia, has never even been a coordinator. Now, he is Division I football's youngest head coach at age 34.

The return of several assistants who worked under Scott's predecessor, new Virginia head coach Mike London, suggests Richmond will stick with what got it to the playoffs the last three seasons: ball control and outstanding defense.

The catch is that most of the experienced Spiders on offense are receivers: Kevin Grayson, Tre Gray and Donte Boston. Richmond needs to replace four starters on the offensive line, a four-year starter at quarterback and its top running back, Justin Forte.

Replacing Eric Ward at quarterback shouldn't be a problem, as USC junior transfer Aaron Corp is already the presumed starter (though sophomore John Laub was in the mix through spring ball). The Spiders are also looking for a new lead running back, and Garrett Wilkins and Kendall Gaskins are prime candidates.

For the past two seasons, senior defensive tackle Martin Parker has been among Richmond's strongest, quickest run stoppers. He collected 15.5 tackles as a junior, as the Spiders allowed an average of 79 rushing yards last year. Ballhawk Eric McBride will again be one of the league's fastest and most active linebackers, as will Patrick Weldon. Cornerback Justin Rogers is the team's best in coverage.

The Spiders nicely negotiated the transition from Dave Clawson to London in 2008, when they won the national championship. If Richmond can rebuild its offensive line, a fourth straight trip to the playoffs seems likely.

James Madison (6-5, 4-4) quarterback Justin Thorpe ended 2009 as the CAA's Offensive Rookie of the Year. But he experienced many growing pains along the way. His development would serve the Dukes well this season. Thorpe is a run/pass threat who coach Mickey Matthews compares to former JMU star Rodney Landers, one of the best quarterbacks in the FCS two years ago. Thorpe

GAME TO WATCH

10/30/10 Richmond at Villanova

A meeting of the last two Football Championship Subdivision winners could decide the Colonial title this year. The 2009 champion, Villanova, beat 2008 kingpin Richmond 21-20 last season, which was the Spiders' only regular-season defeat.

received on-the-job training because of a broken foot suffered by Drew Dudzik in the fifth game last year. Dudzik, who was splitting time with Thorpe in 2009, also returns.

James Madison has been plagued by injuries at the running back position the last couple of years. Since Matthews frames his offense around a mobile quarterback and a strong running game, he'll need to find a healthy replacement fast. Still, offensive tackle Theo Sherman is the man who'll keep the Dukes' running game on track.

On defense, the Dukes lose end Arthur Moats, who won the 2009 Buck Buchanan Award as the best defensive player in the FCS. But James Madison still boasts some of the league's fastest athletes—linebacker Pat Williams and lineman Ronnell Brown, who will lead the defense.

The Dukes' dip to 4-4 in the league last season after leading the CAA in previous years could be temporary if JMU can find a running back that can remain fit and productive.

Somehow **New Hampshire** (10-3, 6-2) keeps finding itself leading the league in turnover margin. That, as much as anything, has kept the Wildcats in the FCS playoffs for six straight years. In 2009, the Wildcats posted a plus-13 turnover margin, which was the result of 21 interceptions in 13 games.

Dino Vasso will be the cornerback to avoid in New Hampshire's defense. Vasso has had five interceptions in each of the last two years, and in 2009 he returned two of them for touchdowns.

But balanced offense has been the team's trademark since Sean McDonnell took over as coach in 1999, and the Wildcats may lead the league in scoring again after averaging 31.8 points a year ago. Senior quarterback R.J. Toman passed for 2,181 yards as a junior, down from 3,110 his sophomore year. But the 6-1, 195-pounder, who also had 251 rushing yards last season, gives New Hampshire another quality ballcarrier in its spread system.

McDonnell's offense is regarded as one of the most difficult in the Colonial to prepare for, and here's why: Last season, 13 Wildcats ran the ball and 15 of them made receptions—and UNH features more formations than most teams.

The Wildcats will try to do it again this year without All-America tight end Scott Sicko and versatile running back Chad Kackert. Though UNH has senior Sean Jellison (424 rushing yards) to step in for Kackert, the Wildcats could use some additional protection along the offensive line, as they take to the air often.

A breakout year on defense sent **William & Mary** (11-3, 6-2) to the FCS semifinals in '09. The Tribe led the league in scoring defense (12.1 points per game) and rushing defense (61.1 yards per game), both school records. The Tribe's 49 sacks and 112 tackles for loss also went into the school's record books.

Matching last season's level of achievement will be tough without defensive end Adrian Tracy and tackle Sean Lissemore, but W&M returns a couple of quality linebackers in Jake Trantin and Evan Francks, and has one of the CAA's most dynamic players in cornerback B.W. Webb. The CAA Defensive Rookie of the Year led the Colonial with eight interceptions (2 for TDs) and is a dangerous punt returner.

On offense, running back Jonathan Grimes rejoins the team after averaging a league-leading 92.4 rushing yards per game last year. The 5-10, 201-pounder also accounted for 289 receiving yards and returns kickoffs. North Carolina transfer Mike Paulus, a former *Parade* All-American with two seasons of eligibility remaining, is expected to start at quarterback.

Delaware (6-5, 4-4) may be the CAA surprise in 2010, because 26 returning players have starting experience.

The Blue Hens seek offensive support for Pat Devlin, the transfer from Penn State who led the league with 2,664 passing yards last season. They'll start their search with the offensive line, which brings back four starters but has been shaky the past two years. Next, the team will try to boost the performances of rushers David Hayes and Leon Jackson.

The Hens made strides last year after losing eight games in 2008, the most in program history. But to maintain the momentum, defensive improvement is a must, as Delaware gave up an average of 335.3 yards per game last year. Ninth-year coach K.C. Keeler will rely on tackle Siddiq Haynes, three veteran linebackers and a pair of standout defensive backs (Anthony Walters and Anthony Bratton) to make that happen.

Maintaining possession and toughening up on the road are high priorities at **Massachusetts** (5-6, 3-5). The Minutemen threw 22 interceptions in 2009, and UMass went winless in five games away from home. Kyle Havens is back at quarterback for his second season after transferring from the California junior college ranks, but he was responsible for 15 of the interceptions and also had fumble problems. Some new blood on offense should help, as UMass picked up Northeastern transfer John Griffin (eligible immediately), who gained 1,009 rushing yards in the Huskies' final season of football. The Minutemen also benefited when Hofstra dropped football. Wide receiver Anthony Nelson, a transfer from the now-defunct program, is expected to have an instant impact.

Generating a pass rush from a defense that collected a CAA-low 13 sacks is also on the to-do list of second-year coach Kevin Morris.

The first thing **Maine** (5-6, 4-4) needs to do is establish offensive identity. The Black Bears went into last season planning to showcase sophomore fullback Jared Turcotte, an all-conference runner as a redshirt freshman (625 yards).

That plan fizzled, as the 6-2, 221-pound Turcotte missed the entire year with a lower abdominal injury that required surgery. Maine coach Jack Cosgrove was left with a young offensive line and a couple of fine receivers and able passers. So the Black Bears went to the air.

Warren Smith got his first start at quarterback in late September and threw for 1,695 yards before suffering a broken foot that kept him out the rest of the way. In came Chris Treister, who had one of the finest passing days in program history, with 40 completions for 468 yards and five touchdowns in a win over Rhode Island. Cosgrove will likely pick Smith or Treister as his quarterback and get Turcotte back to rejoin an offensive line that has three starters returning.

Injuries forced **Towson** (2-9, 1-7) to use nine different combinations on the offensive line (11 different players) last year, which caused a lot of position switching throughout the season. Coach Rob Ambrose says the Tigers need a major effort in strength and conditioning during the offseason to avoid comparable problems this year. The team also needs to settle on a quarterback, and sophomore Peter Athens looks to be the favorite after missing the second half of last season with a knee injury.

Rhode Island (1-10, 0-8) surrendered 28 or more points in each game last season, which reflects the primary upgrade coach Joe Trainer is looking for in his second season. The Rams will get some help from three Hofstra transfers: quarterback Steve Probst (7 games last year for the Pride), wide receiver Billy Morgan (13 catches in '09) and hard-hitting safety Chris Edmond.

GREAT WEST

PREDICTIONS

1 → Cal Poly
2 → UC Davis
3 → North Dakota
4 → Southern Utah
5 → South Dakota

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Tysson Poots, WR, Southern Utah
defense → Danny Hart, FS, UC Davis
newcomer → Josh Vander Maten, QB, South Dakota

Look for Mustangs to get their kicks again

By Steve Silverman
Correspondent

On paper, UC Davis would appear a likely candidate to defend its Great West Conference championship this year after going 3-1 in the league and 6-5 overall in 2009. But coming off a strong finish and welcoming back 19 starters, Cal Poly should have a great chance to reverse its 4-7 mark of a year ago and finish on top in 2010. Last season saw the team in transition, as former coach Rich Ellerson left to become head coach at Army and successor Tim Walsh tried to put his own stamp on the team. Walsh switched to a conventional 4-3 defense that the Mustangs were slow to pick up.

Cal Poly (4-7 overall, 1-3 Great West) should be a more settled team as Tim Walsh begins his second season as coach of the Mustangs. Tony Smith has the best chance of starting at quarterback after completing 112 passes for 1,618 yards and 15 touchdowns last year. The senior is a talented passer and athlete, but Walsh would like to see him become more aggressive and consistent in his leadership role. Smith's top weapon should be senior wide receiver Dominique Johnson, who caught 43 passes for 741 yards and six touchdowns a year ago. Johnson had offseason shoulder surgery but should be healthy by the first game.

The Mustang defense should be more consistent this season now that it has played in a 4-3 system for a full year. Sophomore linebacker Kenny Jackson may be the most active player on the unit. He had 58 tackles last season, including 4.5 for loss, with two fumble recoveries and an interception.

UC Davis (6-5, 3-1) will not give up its Great West title easily. The Aggies took a while to find their identity last year, but became a formidable offensive team once they did.

The Aggies struggled out of the gate, dropping three of their first four games. But they bounced back to win five of the final six behind the stellar passing of quarterback Greg Denham, who had a completion rate of 61.8 percent and threw for 19 touchdowns.

Denham returns to riddle opposing defenses with his strong arm, quick release and accuracy. But he loses his favorite target in wideout Chris Carter, who caught 85 passes in '09. With Carter gone, senior Sean Creadick will have the opportunity to become the team's go-to receiver. He caught 39 passes for 466 yards and five touchdowns a year ago.

On defense, free safety Danny Hart is back for his senior year and is coming off a solid season in which he had 53 tackles, four passes defended and three recovered fumbles.

GAME TO WATCH

11/13/10 UC Davis at Cal Poly

After struggling throughout the 2009 season, the Mustangs should be in contention this year. If Cal Poly plans on being conference champs, it must win this game at home against UC Davis.

North Dakota (6-5, 2-2) was an up-and-down team last year that had a difficult time finding consistency. The highlight of the season was a 31-17 win over Cal Poly, which showed the program's potential. If the Fighting Sioux are going to build on last year's success, look for senior quarterback Jake Landry to have a big season. Landry was solid a year ago, completing 178 passes for 1,968 yards with 12 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He also ran for 217 yards and two touchdowns, and his athletic ability can frustrate defenses at times.

The defense is led by junior cornerback Dominique Hawkins, who had 61 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, four passes defended and two interceptions in 2009.

Southern Utah (5-6, 2-2) used an explosive offense to score 91 points in back-to-back wins over North Dakota and UC Davis. Thunderbirds coach Ed Lamb received an outstanding contribution from wide receiver Tysson Poots, who dominated the Great West despite missing the first three games of the season with a foot injury. Poots returns for his senior year after catching 85 passes for 1,081 yards and 15 touchdowns. Poots' numbers may not be as good this season without graduated quarterback Cade Cooper, who threw for 2,988 yards with 31 touchdowns and 12 interceptions. Junior Zack Olsen has the best chance of taking over under center.

Senior cornerback Colin Pretlow returns on defense after making 82 tackles and four interceptions last season.

TYSSON POOTS
SOUTHERN UTAH

South Dakota (5-5, 2-2) returns 15 starters but needs to find a replacement for quarterback Noah Shepard. Yet coach Ed Meierkort will have running back Chris Ganious to carry the ball again. Ganious' 828 yards on 148 carries earned him a spot on the All-Great West first team. He had a memorable 193-yard rushing effort in the Coyotes' 45-21 win over Southern Utah.

Sophomore wide receiver Tom Flanagan led the team in receptions with 45 catches for 530 yards and four touchdowns. He is valuable on third downs and makes the tough catches look easy.

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GEORGIA STATE

—Rebecca Rudolph

In their inaugural year of college football, the Panthers will run the gamut of opponents, beginning the season at home against tiny Shorter College of the NAIA and ending their campaign with mammoth Alabama, the 2009 FBS national champions. The team will also play Old Dominion, which GSU will join as a member of the Colonial Athletic Association in 2012. Bill Curry, the former head coach at Georgia Tech (1980-86), Alabama (1987-89) and Kentucky (1990-96) before becoming an ESPN analyst (1997-2007), will lead the fledgling program as its first coach.

Curry says 5-11, 175-pound running back Travis Evans is perhaps his best offensive threat. The redshirt freshman rushed for 1,662 yards and 17 touchdowns on 166 carries as a senior at Williston High in Florida. Anchoring the offensive line are freshman guard Michael Davis (6-3, 315 pounds) and junior center Ben Jacoby (6-2, 275), a transfer from Ball State. Sophomore linebacker Brad Chahoy (5-11, 202), a Georgia Southern transfer, is the player to watch on defense.

LAMAR

—Rebecca Rudolph

Though the Cardinals won't join the Southland Conference until 2011, they have packed their debut-season schedule with soon-to-be conference foes. Four of the Southland's top five teams in 2009—Stephen F. Austin, McNeese State, Southeastern Louisiana and Sam Houston State—will welcome Lamar to the FCS in 2010. McNeese State will give the Cards their first taste in the season opener Sept. 4.

To help ease the transition, coach Ray Woodard turned his recruiting sights to the Texas junior college ranks, where he found some much-needed experience in the secondary with the addition of Navarro College's Stephone Mercer and Ryan Clark. They'll get help in the defensive backfield from another transfer, 5-11, 194-pound Jordan Garrett, a former starter at Tulane.

Offensively, Lamar should get a boost from Cameron Epple, a 6-3, 293-pound guard who started 11 games and didn't allow a sack for 2009 national junior college champion Blinn (Texas) College. The Cardinals will look to three more juco products from nearby Navarro—quarterback Andre Bevil and wideouts J.J. Hayes and Josh Powdrill—to move the ball through the air. Kwabena Asante, a 6-1, 210-pound transfer from Hofstra, could make a significant impact on the running game.

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Thomas DeMarco, QB, Old Dominion
defense → Mychael McJunkins, LB, Old Dominion
newcomer → Jordan Garrett, DB, Lamar

OLD DOMINION

—Will Long

As they enter their second year of football and final season before joining the Colonial Athletic Association, the Monarchs will field an experienced team. Coach Bobby Wilder returns every starter from last year's 9-2 squad, which claimed the most wins ever for a first-year NCAA team.

Old Dominion boasted the 10th-best rushing offense (216.7 yards per game) in the FCS last season and will again be led by dual-threat quarterback Thomas DeMarco (1,921 passing yards, 892 rushing yards, 38 total TDs). Diminutive running back Mario Crawford (6.1 yards per carry) paces the ground game, while wideout Reid Evans will be the top receiving target after making 46 catches last year.

The defense adds three transfers on the line in Ronnie Cameron (Hofstra), Deron Mayo (Hofstra) and Dominik Davenport (West Virginia). Junior linebacker Mychael McJunkins will lead the defense after making a team-high 85 tackles last year.

SAVANNAH STATE

—Will Long

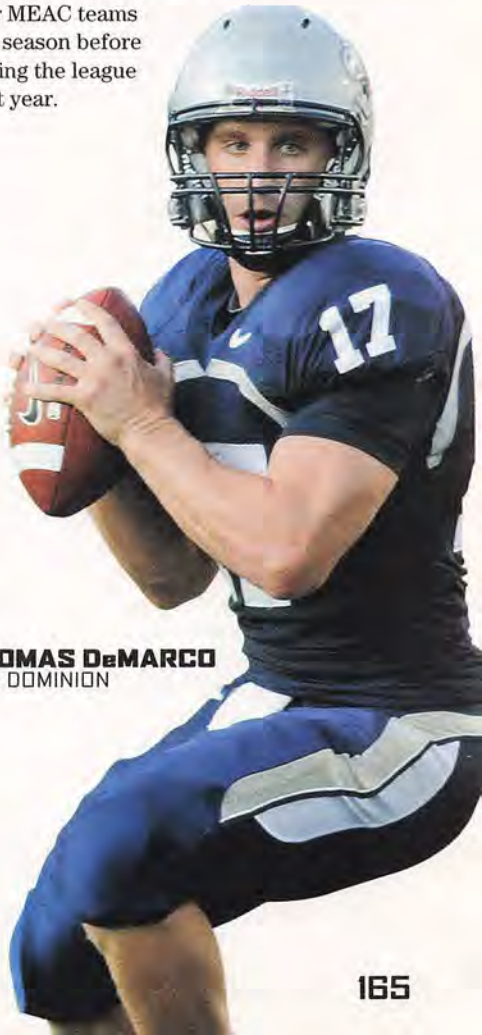
To say the offseason at Savannah State was a tumultuous one would be a vast understatement. After finishing 2-8 in 2009, second-year coach Robby Wells was forced to resign one week before national signing day. Wells became the seventh head coach in 11 years to lose his job at Savannah State. Several weeks later, Wells filed a discrimination lawsuit against the university. In addition to these distractions, 33 players sat out spring practice. Fifteen of those athletes are not returning to the team, 13 missed spring drills because they were academically ineligible and the remaining five were arrested.

Even with SSU football seemingly on life support, the program did receive some good news. The Tigers will join the MEAC as a full-fledged member in 2011. As for this season, interim head coach Julius Dixon will rely on the playmaking of running back Justin Babb (804 rushing yards, 6 TDs in 2009). The defense must replace leading tackler Antwan Allen and his 79 stops. The Tigers will take on four MEAC teams this season before joining the league next year.

GAME TO WATCH

11/20/10 Georgia State at Alabama

This is a sink-or-swim scenario for the first-year Panthers, who are throwing themselves into the deep end of the FBS pool against defending national champion Alabama in Tuscaloosa. The bet here is that they will sink ... early and fast.



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OLD DOMINION

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IVY LEAGUE

PREDICTIONS

1 → Penn
2 → Harvard
3 → Brown
4 → Columbia
5 → Princeton
6 → Yale
7 → Dartmouth
8 → Cornell

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Kyle Newhall-Caballero, QB, Brown
defense → Jake Peterson, DL, Penn
newcomer → Bisi Ezekoye, WR, Harvard

GAME TO WATCH

11/13/10 Harvard at Penn

Harvard was much improved last season and could provide a roadblock for the Quakers in their quest for back-to-back Ivy League championships.

Road to top getting tougher for Harvard and Pennsylvania

By Andy Jasner
Correspondent

In 2009, the Ivy League championship basically came down to two teams: Penn and Harvard.

Things should get a lot tougher this season.

The Quakers captured their Ivy League-record 11th outright title last season, holding off the Crimson by one game. That was after losing to Lafayette and Villanova in tough nonconference matchups.

While Penn appears to once again be the class of the "Ancient Eight," it can expect to receive major challenges from Harvard, Brown, Columbia, Princeton and Yale.

For the first time in six years, **Penn** enters spring as the defending Ivy champion.

Last year's championship marked the seventh title for Quakers coach Al Bagnoli, who was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the nation's top FCS coach. The Quakers finished 7-0 in the league, 8-2 overall and nearly upset national champion Villanova, falling 14-3 at Franklin Field.

Sophomore quarterback Billy Ragone suffered a season-ending injury in the league opener at Dartmouth last season. Ragone is back this year to compete with senior Keiffer Garton and junior John Hurley for the starting job.

With Ragone back, it marks the first time in three years the Quakers will have a healthy group of quarterbacks going into spring practice. In each of the last two years, at least two or more of the team's quarterbacks were recovering from significant injuries.

Since last year's championship, Penn has stayed healthy, with no major injuries to report.

Other key players returning include tight end Ryan Murray, wide receiver Ryan Calvert, offensive lineman Drew Luongo and defensive lineman Jake Peterson.

Penn finished the 2009 campaign ranked No. 14 overall thanks in large part to a stingy defense that recorded two shutouts.

Harvard had a solid season and may have exceeded expectations with a 6-1 record in the Ivy League and 7-3 overall mark.

With a 14-10 win at Yale, the Crimson extended their league record of seven-win seasons to nine consecutive years. Over the past nine seasons, the Crimson have compiled a 71-18 mark.

Harvard must replace last year's senior captain, Carl Ehrlich, who finished his career with 100 tackles. But safety Collin Zych will return to anchor the defense. Zych led the Ivy in pass breakups (12), passes defended (14) and ranked third in solo tackles with 53.

On offense, Collier Winters is back at quarterback. Winters improved as last season progressed and then threw two late touchdowns in the victory over Yale. He was 19-for-26 with 211 yards while also rushing for 51 yards against the Bulldogs.

Brown is also coming off a surprising season, posting a 4-3 mark in the Ivy and 6-4 overall record.

In his first year as quarterback for the Bears, Kyle Newhall-Caballero put together record-setting numbers. He completed 259 passes for 2,709 yards and 18 touchdowns to lead the Ivy. Newhall-Caballero ranked second in the FCS in completions per game (25.9), 10th in total offense (281.4 yards per game) and 12th in passing yards (270.9). His 259 completions ranked seventh in league history for a single season.

Columbia proved it could score last season, as evidenced by a 225-point outburst in 10 games. The Lions actually scored more points than they allowed (220) en route to a 3-4 mark in the league and 4-6 overall.

Columbia has a strong offensive line returning, paced by junior left tackle Jeff Adams. In his first season as a starter, Adams had a terrific year protecting the quarterback, helping the Lions' offense finish second in the league in rushing offense at 158.6 yards per game as well as third in total offense (329.7).

Senior tight end Andrew Kennedy is back after making five touchdown catches a year ago. He ranked third on the team in receptions and receiving yards.

Princeton (4-6 overall, 3-4 Ivy) had trouble stopping the opposition while giving up 265 points in 2009.

Welcome new coach Bob Surace, who was a key member of the 1989 Ivy League champion Tigers. Surace comes over from the Cincinnati Bengals, where he was an assistant for nine seasons.

Senior linebacker Steven Cody led the Ivy in tackles (104) and tackles per game (11.6) last year. Cody recorded 10 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks and two interceptions, including one he returned for a 77-yard score in Princeton's 17-14 victory at Lehigh.

For the first time since 1998, **Yale** will have six home games scheduled. Junior defensive tackle Joe Young and linebacker Sean Williams are back after being named honorable mention All-Ivy last season. Young had 24 tackles and two sacks while Williams chipped in 20 tackles and three sacks.

Dartmouth won a pair of Ivy League games in 2009 but finished 2-8 overall.

Still, there is some solid talent returning, including sophomore linebacker Garrett Wymore. He appeared in all 10 games last year, starting the last eight, and was just one tackle shy of leading the team with 63 (37 were solo). He also broke up two passes and recovered a fumble.

Kent Austin is the new coach at **Cornell** (2-8), which went 1-6 in the Ivy last season. Among the returning players expected to play big roles this year are safety Anthony Ambrosi (62 tackles) and cornerback Rashad Campbell.

MISSOURI VALLEY

Plenty of room for rising stars in 2010 Valley

By Randy Reinhardt
Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph

As the majority of the Missouri Valley Football Conference spent the 2009 season knocking each other around in the standings, two teams rose above the fray.

Southern Illinois and South Dakota State swept the other seven conference teams and advanced to the FCS playoffs, with the Salukis claiming the Valley crown after a 34-15 victory over the Jackrabbits in Brookings.

The same two teams figure to lead the pack once again, though Illinois State is gaining ground. The Redbirds made great strides in coach Brock Spack's first season and could challenge for the 2010 title. And counting out perennial contender Northern Iowa would be unwise.

Individually, there is room at the top for offensive stars to emerge, as the Valley lost three first-team All-Americans to graduation: Missouri State tight end Clay Harbor and running backs Deji Karim of Southern Illinois and Pat Paschall of North Dakota State.

Southern Illinois (11-2 overall, 8-0 Missouri Valley) moves into a new stadium this fall and will look to two quarterbacks for leadership in Chris Dieker and Paul McIntosh. Whoever steps in will work behind offensive line stalwarts David Pickard and Bryan Boemer. The Salukis' biggest challenge will be replacing running back Deji Karim. They may turn to a committee of Lucien Walker, Steve Strother and Pittsburgh transfer Shariff Harris.

The Salukis' defense brings back All-Valley players in Korey Lindsey and Mike McElroy.

South Dakota State (8-4, 7-1) features a 1,304-yard rusher in Kyle Minett, who ran for 16 TDs in '09.

Returning quarterback Thomas O'Brien will have to fight off junior college transfer Jordan Thomas, but the winner of the job will have center Ryan McKnight and tackle Jonathan Fick blocking for him.

Even though the defense lost All-American Danny Batten, the line should remain stable with Antonio Thompson and Zach Bowers. Linebacker Derek Domino also returns.

Illinois State (6-5, 5-3) lost its starting quarterback, Drew Kiel, in last season's opener, only to see Matt Brown take over and be named the MVC's Freshman of the Year. Brown and Kiel will compete for the job this year, and whoever wins will enjoy the protection of five returning starters on the line.

An anemic running game was addressed in the off-season with the addition of transfer tailbacks Erik Smith (Wisconsin) and Ashton Leggett (Michigan State).

Purdue transfer Nickcaro Golding should spice up the Redbird pass rush on an improving defense.

Northern Iowa (7-4, 5-3) has a king-sized chip on its shoulder after Illinois State beat the Panthers in the final game of the regular season, costing them a playoff bid.

The team paced the Valley in total offense and total defense in '09, but faces losses on both lines. Also gone is all-conference quarterback Pat Grace. Junior Zach Davis is first in line to take over under center.

Sophomore tailback Carlos Anderson showed potential while rushing for 541 yards in his debut season.

Missouri State (6-5, 4-4) could not be taken seriously as a Valley title contender until a leaky defense located a few patches. The Bears did that in 2009, dropping their scoring defense from 35.3 points allowed per game in 2008 to 22.4.

Linebacker Antoine Wilkinson, tackle Waylon Richardet and safety Skylar Smith will try to keep the improvement going.

All-league offensive lineman David Arkin will be clearing a path for Mikael Cooper-Falls (424 rushing yards) and Stephen Johnston, who missed all of last season with a knee injury.

New coach Eric Wolford brings a new approach to **Youngstown State** (6-5, 4-4), with a faster-paced defense. But a seasoned linebacker group of Taylor Hill, Deonta Tate, John Sasson and David Rach will need to take heat off a young secondary.

Quarterback is wide open, with Marc Kanetsky and Kurt Hess among the possibilities. Wideout Dominique Barnes will be a target for whoever emerges, while backs Jamaine Cook and Torrian Pace should both see time.

North Dakota State (3-8, 2-6) endured its first losing season in coach Craig Bohl's seventh year and must replace running back Pat Paschall. D.J. McNorton is first in line for those duties.

Quarterback Jose Mohler started four games last season and will be challenged for the job by Brock Jensen and Dante Perez.

On defense, Matt Anderson is back from a neck injury to join developing youngsters Preston Evans and Brandon Jemison at linebacker.

Western Illinois (1-10, 0-8) suffered through a nightmarish 2009, freefalling from 6-5 the previous season to a lone triumph.

Hope for a revival starts with the return to health of quarterback Matt Barr. Michigan State transfer Caulton Ray should boost the running game, while wide receiver Lito Senatus will aid the passing game.

Linebacker Kyle Glazier has topped the team in tackles the past two seasons and will get help from linebacker Brandon Kreczmer.

Indiana State (1-10, 1-7) let loose a sigh of relief after snapping the nation's longest losing streak at 33 games by topping Western Illinois last year, but much work remains for coach Trent Miles.

The Sycamores showed progress defensively yet still surrendered 35.5 points per game. Linebacker Aaron Archie, who had 117 tackles as a freshman, leads the defense.

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Kyle Minett, RB, South Dakota State
defense → Korey Lindsey, CB, Southern Illinois
newcomer → Erik Smith, RB, Illinois State

THE VALLEY

PREDICTIONS

1. Southern Illinois
2. South Dakota State
3. Illinois State
4. Northern Iowa
5. Missouri State
6. Youngstown State
7. North Dakota State
8. Western Illinois
9. Indiana State

GAME TO WATCH

10/16/10 South Dakota State at Southern Illinois

South Dakota State will send the Valley's top returning rusher, Kyle Minett, into battle against the rugged Saluki defense in a contest that could decide the conference championship.

NEC

PREDICTIONS

1 → Wagner
2 → Albany
3 → Robert Morris
4 → Central Connecticut State
5 → Duquesne
6 → Bryant
7 → Monmouth
8 → Sacred Heart
9 → St. Francis (Pa.)

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Nick Doscher, QB, Wagner
defense → Jose Gumbs, LB, Monmouth
newcomer → Gunnar Jespersen, QB, Central Connecticut State

GAME TO WATCH

11/13/10 Wagner at Albany

This late-season battle between the league's top two teams will probably determine the NEC's champion.

Wagner QB Doscher could be difference in very tight race

By Steve Amedio
Schenectady (N.Y.) Gazette

Nick Doscher is proof that author Thomas Wolfe was wrong.

You can go home again.

Doscher, a two-sport star in high school in 2005, initially gave up football to pursue a professional baseball career. After four seasons in the Kansas City Royals organization, he opted to come home to Staten Island and return to the gridiron.

So, at age 22, Doscher enrolled at Wagner and became the NEC's top quarterback, earning him Rookie-of-the-Year honors.

Now he is poised to take the team to the top of the conference standings.

Despite a winning record in 26 of 29 years with the Seawolves, coach Walt Hameline has never won an NEC crown.

This could be the year, as Doscher, the team's leading rusher and passer in '09, will play a big role in the team's quest to secure its first-ever NEC title.

"He gave us a reason to change what we do in terms of our offensive style," Hameline says. "With him, we were able to switch to a spread-type offense."

Nick Doscher's emergence, plus the return of many key starters from last year make **Wagner** (6-5 overall, 5-3 NEC) the favorite to capture this year's title.

Fullback Rich Parker, halfback Dominique Williams and receivers Tyrone Collins, David Crawford and Morgan Mizell return for another season.

The Seahawks have five starters back on a defense that gave up 342 points a year ago. But help is on the way in new defensive coordinator Malik Hall, who coached at Fordham last season.

Albany (7-4, 6-2) was solid last season but fell from its perch atop the league standings. Now it loses standout running back David McCarty, who the team hopes to replace with freshmen Dillon Romain or Tramaine Wilson. Luckily, sophomore quarterback Andrew Smith took a few snaps last year and moves into a starting role.

Senior Trevor Anderson, a second-team All-NEC pick in 2009, will anchor a defense that graduated all four of its starting linebackers.

Robert Morris (5-6, 5-3) will be potent offensively, returning 10 starters, including senior halfback Myles Russ, the NEC's only returning 1,000-yard rusher (1,059). He'll be joined by quarterback Jeff Sinclair, second-team all-conference tight end Shadrae King and kicker Garrett Clawson.

However, the defense returns only four starters in linebacker Alex DiMichele, nose guard Chris Roberts, cornerback Rolf Bathold and linebacker Elias Navarro.

Central Connecticut State (9-3, 7-1) was a surprise league champion last year, losing its only game to Wagner. But the Blue Devils suffered significant graduation losses and must depend on some talented newcomers in junior college QB Gunnar Jespersen and fullback Everette Benjamin, a transfer from Hofstra.

Defensively, the Blue Devils have seven starters back, led by first-team All-NEC safety Alondre Rush.

Once the dominant team in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, **Duquesne** (3-8, 2-6) struggled last season in its second year in the NEC. But the Dukes appear on the verge of moving into the league's upper echelon with a defense that returns all 11 starters and an offense that gets some key players back in senior Dave Williams and junior Akeem Moore. Both wideouts battled injuries and sat out last season.

Nathan Totino, a senior linebacker who had 23 tackles in one game last year, leads the defense.

Bryant (5-6, 4-4) was close to a winning season in 2009, suffering three of its four league losses by fewer than five points. If the Bulldogs are to improve their '09 record, they'll have to be more prolific through the air.

Senior QB Mike Croce threw for 1,695 yards a year ago and could air it out again this season with the return of tight end Matt Tracey.

Defensively, Bryant needs to fill holes left by the loss of six starters, but linebacker Jason Riffe and nose tackle Andrew Regan are two potential All-NEC players.

Monmouth (5-6, 4-4) nipped at the heels of success last season using the prowess of David Sinisi, who has since graduated. Now the Hawks might struggle without the NEC's all-time leading rusher and scorer.

Senior Bobby Giles will be counted on to solidify the backfield, but junior Kyle Frazier (1,453 yards, 4 INTs) will have to continue to operate a low-mistake offense.

The Hawks' top players return on defense in junior linebacker Jose Gumbs, the 2009 NEC Defensive Player of the Year, and senior safety Kendall Haley, a first-team all-conference pick.

Sacred Heart (2-8, 2-6) has weapons returning on both sides of the ball, with 10 starters back on defense.

But the Pioneers have pinned their hopes on the passing game with quarterback Dale Fink, who led the NEC with 2,064 aerial yards last season. Unfortunately, Dale also topped the NEC in interceptions (13).

Fink has two good receivers returning in sophomore Jo Jo Jamiel and senior Rich Rossi.

The team's top defender is junior linebacker Chris Mandas, whose 88 tackles paced the Pioneers in 2009.

St. Francis (2-9, 1-7) will likely inch closer to respectability this season with the return of sophomore QB John Kelly. Running backs Jude Yearwood and Kyle Harbridge balance out the attack.

Defensively, St. Francis lost five starters but has a linebacker unit that ranks with any in the NEC and includes seniors Scott Lewis (118 tackles) and Matthew Parker (103).

OHIO VALLEY

EKU defense could put Colonels back in command

By Michael Grant
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Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State have owned the Ohio Valley Conference since 2001. They're the only teams to win the OVC title outright in a decade, as Tennessee-Martin shared the title with Eastern Illinois in 2006 and Murray was co-champion with Eastern Illinois in 2002. Other than that trio, the last team to win the conference outright—Western Kentucky in 2000—has since moved up from the OVC to the Sun Belt Conference in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

If in doubt, count on one of these three to step up again this season. Eastern Illinois seems well equipped to contend, assuming it finds a capable quarterback. Eastern Kentucky, the OVC's flagship program, is always in the hunt with its 20 conference titles. And Jacksonville State had the league's best record last year but was ineligible for the conference crown.

The league is still looking for a breakthrough in the FCS playoffs after dropping 12 postseason games in a row. An OVC team hasn't made it past the first round since Western Kentucky beat Florida A&M in 2000.

For **Eastern Kentucky** (5-6 overall, 5-3 OVC), the streak is over. Eastern posted 31 consecutive winning seasons until last year.

The Colonels found a quarterback in OVC Freshman of the Year T.J. Pryor, who was third in the league in passing yards in 2009 with 195.7 per game, but he threw eight interceptions and only six touchdowns.

The team's strength should be its eight returning starters on defense, which include All-OVC players in senior lineman Andrew Soucy and junior defensive back Jeremy Caldwell. Caldwell led the league in interceptions (7) and forced two fumbles last year. Soucy had 9.5 tackles for loss and blocked a league-best five kicks.

Eastern Illinois (8-4, 6-2) earned its fifth OVC championship last year and has lost only three offensive starters, but one was quarterback Jake Christensen (2,204 yards, 19 TDs). True freshman Jimmy Garoppolo was the only legitimate candidate to replace him at press time. With a young QB and running backs Mon Williams (870 rushing yards) and Chevon Walker (326), this might be more of a run-oriented team in 2010.

On defense, Eastern Illinois returns All-OVC cornerbacks CJ James (5 INT, 44 tackles) and Rashad Haynes and lineman Perry Burge.

Jacksonville State (8-3, 6-1) was the league's best team last season, but it played under a postseason ban because of its failure to meet NCAA academic progress standards. The program is eligible now but will have to win without quarterback Ryan Perrilloux, the league's Offensive Player of the Year in 2009.

The Gamecocks led the league in rushing last season with 188.8 yards per game and return tailback Calvin Middleton (629 yards) for even more production. Jacksonville State also boasts perhaps the conference's top defensive player in All-America cornerback T.J. Heath (6 INTs, 2 for TDs).

Tennessee-Martin's (5-6, 4-4) high-flying offense won't be the same with only five returning starters. So the Skyhawks will likely turn to what is expected to be a strong running game led by Minnesota transfer Kevin Whaley. They also have sophomore running back Jason McNair, nephew of the late Steve McNair, to mix up the backfield.

The defense should be solid with seven returnees, including linebacker Josh Bey (16.5 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks).

Tennessee Tech (6-5, 5-3) was picked to finish sixth in the preseason polls, but the Golden Eagles ended up tied for second along with Eastern Kentucky in 2009. With an experienced team returning, Tech might surprise again for its first conference championship. The Golden Eagles have a premier wide receiver in Tim Benford (33 receptions, 580 yards), but he will need someone to get him the ball, as starting quarterback Lee Sweeney has graduated.

Tennessee State (4-7, 3-4) has a new coach in Rod Reed, who takes over for James Webster. The team's former defensive coordinator is known for his recruiting (he brought in NFL first-round draft pick Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie) and enjoys a run-heavy offense, which is nothing new for the Tigers, who were fifth in the league in rushing (149.7 yards per game) last season. They return their top four rushers, led by junior quarterback Calvin McNairl.

The Chris Hatcher era begins at **Murray State** (3-8, 2-6) after coach Matt Griffin was fired last year. One thing is for certain: The Racers will throw the football early and often. Hatcher, who arrives after a three-year stint as head coach at Georgia Southern, was also known for his high-octane passing attacks while at Division II power Valdosta State. Quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt should fit well in Hatcher's system, though he saw action in only four games last year due to an injury to his throwing shoulder. Tailback Josh Brown, a transfer from Iowa, will be in the backfield to help.

Austin Peay State (4-7, 3-5) will be young after losing 26 seniors from last year, and will need an explosive backfield to carry the load. The Govs return the conference's top rusher in junior Ryan White, who ran for 1,081 yards last year. Senior Terrence Holt (793 yards, a league-best 13 TDs) was fourth in the OVC in rushing.

Southeast Missouri State (2-9, 1-7) coach Tony Samuel will try to get his team on track in his fifth year. The Redhawks are 6-25 in OVC play during his stint. They have eight starters back from a defense that was last in the league in total yards surrendered per game (387.6).

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Mon Williams, RB, Eastern Illinois
defense → T.J. Heath, CB, Jacksonville State
newcomer → Kevin Whaley, RB, Tennessee-Martin

PREDICTIONS

1 → Eastern Kentucky
2 → Eastern Illinois
3 → Jacksonville State
4 → Tennessee-Martin
5 → Tennessee Tech
6 → Tennessee State
7 → Murray State
8 → Austin Peay State
9 → Southeast Missouri State

GAME TO WATCH

10/9/10 Eastern Illinois at Eastern Kentucky

This game usually sets the tone for the OVC race and should again this year.

PATRIOT

PREDICTIONS

1 → Holy Cross
2 → Colgate
3 → Lafayette
4 → Lehigh
5 → Fordham
6 → Bucknell
7 → Georgetown

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Greg Sullivan, QB, Colgate
defense → Sean Lamkin, LB, Holy Cross
newcomer → Max Librizzi, QB, Holy Cross

GAME TO WATCH

10/23/10 Holy Cross at Colgate

The top two teams in the Patriot League will battle in a game that could determine first place once again.

Patriot finally getting some national attention

By Andy Jasner
Correspondent

Teams from the Patriot League won't sneak up on anyone this season.

In 2009, three Patriot members—Holy Cross, Colgate and Lafayette—appeared in the final rankings of both major Football Championship Subdivision Top 25 polls for the first time in four years.

All of those teams are expected to be solid contenders this season, but the Crusaders and Raiders showed the kind of remarkable depth last year that should give them a leg up on the 2010 campaign.

Holy Cross finished at No. 14 in *The Sports Network* and FCS Coaches' polls, the highest ranking for a Patriot team since Lehigh held the same position after the '04 season.

The Crusaders finished 9-2 overall, won the league with a 5-1 record and advanced for only the second time to the postseason, where they lost to eventual national champion Villanova, 38-28, in the first round. Despite the loss, Holy Cross proved it could compete at the highest level in front of a raucous crowd on the road.

There are many reasons to be optimistic once again this season.

Holy Cross returns 12 starters, including key seniors in wide receiver Luke Chmielinski, strong safety Anthony DiMichele, linebacker Sean Lamkin, offensive tackle Mike McCabe and defensive end Mude Ohimor. Chmielinski was especially solid with 63 receptions for 807 yards and four touchdowns last year.

The biggest question mark will be at quarterback, where four-year starter Dominic Randolph guided the Crusaders to a league-best 32.2 points per game in '09. The race to succeed him will be made up of junior Kevin Watson, senior Ryan Taggart and touted Essex, Vt., freshman Max Librizzi, who threw for 3,335 yards and 45 scores last year.

It might be unrealistic to expect the Crusaders to rack up the 433.6 yards per game they did last season, but this should be a well-rounded unit once again. A sixth consecutive winning season is a lock.

Colgate entered the national rankings on Sept. 28 and remained there for the rest of the season, finishing at No. 20 in the FCS Coaches' poll and No. 21 in *The Sports Network* rankings.

The Raiders tied for second in the league with Lafayette and Lehigh at 4-2, yet finished 9-2 overall. That performance prompted the school to reward 62-year-old coach Dick Biddle with a three-year contract extension through 2013. The four-time Patriot League Coach of the Year has led Colgate to a 113-51 record in 14 seasons and winning records in 13 of those. The Raiders have accumulated six league titles and six FCS playoff appearances during his tenure.

Senior Greg Sullivan is expected to again carry the load on offense. Last season, the 6-1, 204-pound quarterback rushed for 788 yards and seven touchdowns while also throwing for 1,952 yards and 18 scores. His total yardage of 2,740 was the sixth most ever in a season at Colgate.

Junior Nate Eachus returns at running back, and that's good news. He rushed for 919 yards and 16 touchdowns in only eight games a year ago.

Lafayette might have been the surprise of the Patriot League when it joined the polls on Nov. 2.

The Leopards' final record of 8-3 and 4-2 in the league sounds good, but it could have been better if not for a heartbreaking 27-21 overtime loss to rival Lehigh in the 145th meeting of college football's most played rivalry.

Lafayette will rely on senior wide receiver Mark Layton on offense. Layton caught 65 passes for 838 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. His 65 receptions were the second most in school history.

Coach Frank Tavani signed 32 recruits, which is the third-largest haul of prospects in his tenure.

Lehigh won four games last year, all in the Patriot League. The Mountain Hawks went winless in non-conference play and wound up with a 4-7 overall mark. But there are 17 starters returning from last season, including six all-conference selections.

Nine starters are back on offense, anchored by quarterback JB Clark and running back Jay Campbell.

Lehigh led the FCS in sacks last season and also finished first in the Patriot in pass defense and red-zone defense. Replacing All-America linebacker Matt Cohen will be a challenge.

Fordham was 5-6 overall and 2-4 in the league last season. The Rams won't have multitalented quarterback John Skelton, who set just about every school passing record over the past four years.

There are a number of candidates to replace Skelton, including junior Doug Papy, junior college transfer Blake Wayne and sophomores James Avedesian, Benjamin Heiser and Ryan Higgins.

Bucknell was 4-7 overall and 2-4 in the Patriot last season. Exit coach Tim Landis, who accepted an assistant's position at San Jose State. Enter 10-year Rutgers assistant Joe Susan, whose one and only season as a head coach produced an undefeated campaign (10-0) at Davidson in 2000.

The Bison upset Holy Cross, 23-17, in the regular-season finale last year, so they'll have that victory to build upon in 2010.

C.J. Hopson returns as a real double threat at QB, where he was sensational against the Crusaders with 29 carries for 189 yards in '09.

Last season was a difficult one for **Georgetown**, which finished 0-11 overall and 0-6 in the Patriot. And the 2010 campaign won't likely start well with three straight road games at Davidson, Lafayette and Yale. The Hoyas lost 22 seniors from last year's team.

PIONEER

Move over hoops—Butler football making some noise

By Steve Silverman
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The Pioneer Football League had a three-headed race for the league championship last year that came down to the final week of the season.

Butler, Dayton and Drake were all unbeaten in league competition as the season roared into the homestretch. The schedule-makers must have been prescient because those three teams played each other in the final three weeks of the season. First, Butler squeaked past Dayton 31-28 in Week 10. The following Saturday, Dayton bounced back with a 23-6 win over Drake. In the final week, Butler edged Drake 20-17. The Bulldogs would have been the outright conference champs if they hadn't dropped a 36-7 decision to hard-charging Jacksonville the week between their games against Dayton and Drake.

By virtue of their wins over Dayton and Drake, the Bulldogs were the Pioneer's representative in the Gridiron Classic, where Butler came away with a thrilling 28-23 win over Northeast Conference champion Central Connecticut State. Now the team should be poised to contend for Pioneer honors in 2010.

Butler (11-1 overall, 7-1 PFL) was supposed to be a middle-of-the-pack team in 2009, but coach Jeff Voris and quarterback Andrew Huck would have none of that. Voris earned the league's 2009 Coach of the Year award and Huck was one of its best quarterbacks, culminating his season with an MVP performance in the Gridiron Classic against Central Connecticut State. Huck enters his junior season with a ton of momentum after completing 233 passes for 2,454 yards with 21 touchdowns and 11 interceptions last year. He moves well in the pocket, finds secondary receivers and throws an accurate pass with plenty of zip on it.

Huck received plenty of help from running back Scott Gray, who returns for his senior season after rushing for 868 yards and 5.1 yards per carry. Wide receiver Zach Watkins also returns. The junior caught a team-high 78 passes and was dependable when it came to making plays on third down.

The Bulldogs are a lot more than an offensive machine, though, as proven by safety Mark Giacomantonio, who returns after topping the PFL with five interceptions last season. Linebacker Nick Caldicott is a sure tackler who led Butler with 70 stops. Defensive lineman Grant Hunter is coming off a 10-sack season.

Jacksonville (7-4, 6-2) finished a game behind the league's co-leaders but should be back in the title hunt in 2010. Quarterback Josh McGregor returns after an excellent season in which he completed 178 passes for 2,693 yards with 31 touchdowns and seven interceptions. Josh Philpart is a go-to receiver who caught 54 passes for 912 yards with 13 touchdowns last year. The Dolphins' offense should be difficult to slow down again.

Dayton (9-2, 7-1) has a gaping hole to fill with the graduation of 2009 PFL Offensive Player of the Year Steve Valentino, who led all conference quarterbacks in rushing and was second in passing last season. The Flyers will try to use their running game to get back into a winning position. Look for Brian Mack to carry much of the load after rushing for 399 yards and four TDs as a redshirt freshman.

Drake (8-3, 6-2) has some rebuilding to do with the losses of all-league players in running back Steve Platek, tight end Frank Pucher, defensive lineman Dain Taylor and linebacker Cale Hunt. However, linebacker Tyler Moorehead returns for his sophomore season and should be among the most dangerous defensive players in the league after recording 6.1 tackles per game and a Pioneer-leading four forced fumbles in 2009.

Marist (7-4, 5-3) is on the upswing after the Red Foxes tied a team record with seven victories that included a six-game winning streak. Coach Jim Parady believes Marist is primed to build on that momentum.

Junior cornerback Jaquan Bryant returns after recording a team-high five interceptions in 2009, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Junior Tommy Reilly takes over at quarterback after completing 67.3 percent of his passes in spot duty last year.

Davidson (3-7, 3-5) hopes to improve its standing in the Pioneer behind the ground game of senior Kenny Mantuo and the hard hitting of senior linebacker Daniel Astrop. Mantuo led Davidson in rushing with 626 yards and five touchdowns. Astrop paced the Wildcats in tackles with 68 stops a year ago. He also had 3.5 sacks, five tackles for loss and two forced fumbles.

San Diego (4-7, 3-5) should not be overlooked, especially on offense. The Toreros have one of the league's most exciting players in wide receiver Kyle Warren, who made all of his receptions count as a freshman last year. He caught 11 passes for 338 yards, with six of those catches going for touchdowns.

Morehead State (3-8, 1-7) will have to overcome the loss of Pioneer Defensive Player of the Year Wes McDermott, an All-America linebacker who had 109 tackles last season. The Eagles will look to his younger brother as a leader on offense this season. As a sophomore, halfback Ronnie McDermott led Morehead State with 30 receptions.

In just its second season of fielding a team, **Campbell** (3-8, 2-6) picked up two wins in its final four games to give coach Dale Steele something to build on in 2010. Sophomore quarterback Daniel Polk is athletic (572 rushing yards in 2009), but he has to show significant improvement after completing just 53.2 percent of his passes as a freshman.

Valparaiso (1-10, 0-8) has a lot of work to do after last season's misery. New coach Dale Carlson says every position is wide open for competition. A key player is junior QB Bobby Wysocki, who is athletic but needs to work on his accuracy after completing just 41.2 percent of his passes last year.

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Andrew Huck, QB, Butler
defense → Tyler Moorehead, LB, Drake
newcomer → Kevin Thomas, QB, Morehead State

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PREDICTIONS

EAST

1 → Butler
2 → Jacksonville
3 → Dayton
4 → Drake
5 → Marist
6 → Davidson
7 → San Diego
8 → Morehead State
9 → Campbell
10 → Valparaiso

GAME TO WATCH

11/6/10 Jacksonville at Butler

The Bulldogs would have been the league's outright champion last year if they hadn't lost badly at Jacksonville, 36-7. This game may be for the conference title and some revenge.

SOUTHERN

PREDICTIONS

1 → Appalachian State
2 → Elon
3 → Samford
4 → Wofford
5 → Chattanooga
6 → Furman
7 → Western Carolina
8 → Georgia Southern
9 → The Citadel

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Devon Moore, RB, Appalachian State
defense → D.J. Smith, LB, Appalachian State
newcomer → Jaybo Shaw, QB, Georgia Southern

GAME TO WATCH

10/09/10 Elon at Appalachian State

With Armanti Edwards gone, is this the year Elon overtakes ASU for the top spot in the SoCon? A win here would go a long way, but it'll be tough: The Mountaineers haven't lost a home conference game since Oct. 20, 2007.

Phoenix could rise to finally knock ASU off of SoCon perch

By Matt McKenzie
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Appalachian State has become synonymous with "Southern Conference champion" of late, as the Mountaineers have either won outright or shared the league title in each of the last five seasons.

If ASU hopes to make it six straight, it will have to do so without the security blanket of do-everything quarterback Armanti Edwards, whose stellar four-year career placed him among the best ever in the FCS.

"I try to be pretty objective about it because, truthfully, we didn't know Armanti was going to be what I call a 'super player,'" says Mountaineers coach Jerry Moore of losing the first two-time recipient of the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the top player in the FCS. "We're counting on new leadership to counter some of the gleam that Armanti had. But I don't think anyone expects (any of this year's players) to be Armanti."

While ASU must find a new QB, the cupboard is far from bare. The Mountaineers return running back Devon Moore, receivers Brian Quick, Matt Cline and CoCo Hillary and two first-team All-America defenders.

"I don't think there's any question they're still the benchmark," says Elon coach Pete Lembo of the Mountaineers. "When you look at the resources they've put into their program … it's not just the wins and losses. It's everything they do up there."

Lembo guided the Phoenix to their first-ever playoff appearance last season, and is 17-6 in the SoCon over the last three years—a far cry from Elon's doormat reputation when it first joined the conference in 2003.

"When you think about where Elon started, it was not only one of the worst programs in the conference, but maybe in the country," Lembo says. "We feel good about how far we've come. The question now is, can we maintain that high level and find a way to win against Appalachian and the other good playoff-caliber programs?"

Like ASU, Elon will be missing a major offensive weapon, All-America wideout Terrell Hudgins (the FCS' all-time leader in receiving yards), but has 13 starters back. Samford and Wofford present as challengers, while the major coaching storyline is former assistant Jeff Monken coming back to Georgia Southern, where he plans to once again implement the triple-option offense the Eagles had long been known for until recent years.

It's Year One A.A. (After Armanti) for **Appalachian State** (11-3 overall, 8-0 Southern). But with five first-team all-conference picks returning, the Mountaineers will once again be in line for a deep postseason run. Leading the offensive returnees is senior running back Devon Moore, who led the SoCon with 1,374 rushing yards and 19 TDs last season.

As to who will replace Edwards, it shapes up as a two-way battle between junior DeAndre Presley and redshirt freshman Jamal Jackson. Coach Jerry Moore was hesitant to name a starter, even after spring practice, but was impressed with both players.

"The edge that DeAndre has is experience; he's started for us and is very dependable," Moore says. "And everybody's excited about Jamal because he's got a terrific arm. He's just having to learn a lot right now.

"Both of them really ran hard in the spring, and that excited me. Both are tough kids and that's what we're looking for. If you watched Armanti, you know that."

The Mountaineers also return four of five starting offensive linemen and their top three receivers in Brian Quick, Matt Cline and CoCo Hillary. (Hillary was arrested and charged with DUI in the offseason, but Moore said he would wait until the case went through the legal system before deciding any disciplinary action.) Senior linebacker D.J. Smith and defensive back Mark LeGree, both 2009 first-team All Americans, anchor the defensive unit, along with all-conference end Jabari Fletcher.

Elon (9-3, 7-1) returns the conference's leading passer, Scott Riddle (3,345 yards, 23 TDs in '09), and third-best rusher in Jamal Shuman (677 yards). However, the Phoenix must find a new go-to wideout with the graduation of the program's best ever at that position, Terrell Hudgins. Still, coach Pete Lembo says there are positives in Hudgins' absence.

"We're looking for Scott's continued progress in being a student of the game," Lembo says. "Losing Hudgins could be a good thing in where he's not relying on one guy and having to spread out his passes."

Elon will also have to replace three All-SoCon picks on defense, including Andre Campbell, who led the conference in tackles for loss (16.5). Senior linebacker Brandon Ward and defensive back Terell Wilson highlight the returnees, and Lembo is high on sophomore Dale Riley, who is making the move from outside linebacker to safety.

Despite joining the conference just three years ago, **Samford** (5-6, 3-5) is poised to make noise in the Southern this season with the return of 15 starters. Senior running back Chris Evans led the SoCon in rushing in 2009 with 104.7 yards per game.

Also back is QB Dustin Taliaferro and wideout Riley Hawkins (638 yards, 4 TDs). The Bulldogs will count on Hawkins and Richie Fordham to make up for the loss of Jonathan Lowery, the school's third all-time leading receiver.

Where Samford really excels is on defense, as the team was second in the SoCon for both total defense (284.5 yards per game)

and scoring defense (17.5 points) last season. All-SoCon linebacker Bryce Smith, who has 201 tackles and nine interceptions for his career, is the heart and soul of the unit.

Last year was a season unlike any other for coach Mike Ayers at **Wofford** (3-8, 2-6), which suffered its worst record since joining the conference in 1997. It began with the news that tailback Jeremy Marshall would have to take a medical redshirt while still recovering from a torn ACL suffered in 2008. Things only got worse from there, as the Terriers lost several key players to injury throughout the season.

The lack of depth was felt hardest on defense, as Wofford gave up a league-high 33.5 points a game, including four contests in which the Terriers allowed at least 40 points. Linebackers SeQuan Stanley and Mike Niam (who missed nearly all of 2009 after a knee injury) highlight the returnees, along with safety Tommy Irvin, who led the team in tackles last season.

Wofford's option-oriented "wingbone" offense is always tough to plan against, and it resulted in three Terriers ranking among the SoCon's top 10 rushers last season. And that trio—quarterback Mitch Allen, halfback Mike Rucker and fullback Michael Scott—returns intact for 2010. If Marshall can come back healthy and join that group, the Terriers should be able to make the dismal '09 campaign a distant memory.

The most improved team in the league last year was **Chattanooga** (6-5, 4-4), which won six games under first-year coach Russ Heusman after just one victory in 2008. A big reason for the turnaround was the Mocs' defense, which ranked third overall in yards allowed per game (307.7) and decreased its points-allowed average from 37.9 in '08 to 25.7 last season.

Heusman will miss the services of defensive lineman Josh Beard, the 2009 SoCon Defensive Player of the Year, but returns sophomore end Joshua Williams (7 sacks) and the all-conference secondary tandem of Jordan Tippit (5 INTs) and Buster Skrine.

Quarterback B.J. Coleman was a late transfer from Tennessee last May, and immediately helped the Mocs' offense, throwing for 2,348 yards and 17 TDs. However, the graduation of two starting receivers leaves senior Chris Pitchford (528 receiving yards, 5 TDs) as the only experienced wideout.

Chattanooga's running backs have had problems staying healthy in the past, and that continued this offseason as Bryan Fitzgerald was held out of spring practice while still recovering from a foot injury suffered last October. If he's ready by fall, Fitzgerald will join a mix that includes Erroll Wynn (who redshirted last year after a broken hand and foot in 2008) and sophomores J.J. Jackson and Chris Awuah.

After taking the Paladins to the playoffs in four of his first five years, it's now been three straight campaigns without a postseason appearance for coach Bobby Lamb, causing unrest among the **Furman** (6-5, 5-3) faithful.

The team will start a new signal-caller with Jordan Sorrells having graduated, and coming out of spring practice, it looked to be a battle between junior Chris Forcier and senior Cody Worley. Forcier transferred from UCLA last year and played sparingly in seven games, while Worley saw action in three contests.

The Paladins' other offensive skill players are strong, led by tailbacks Tersoo Uhaa (535 rushing yards, 13 TDs) and All-SoCon Freshman Jerry Williams (483, 3). Whoever wins the QB job will have an experienced group to throw to, including all-conference wideout Adam Mims (878 receiving yards, 4 TDs) and juniors David Hendrix (370, 2) and Sederrik Cunningham (327, 1).

Defense is where Furman must improve if it wants to get back into the conference title hunt. Last season, the Paladins surrendered a school-record 431.3 yards a game, last in the SoCon. Junior linebacker Kadarron Anderson, a third-team All-American in 2009, and all-league cornerback Ryan Steed will anchor the unit.

Western Carolina (2-9, 1-7) coach Dennis Wagner turned down a position to join the staff of new Kansas coach Turner Gill during the offseason, and will continue his focus on rebuilding the Catamounts. Wagner is just 5-18 overall in his first two seasons, but recently received a contract extension and has recruited well during his short time in Cullowhee, N.C.

One of those recruits was running back Michael Johnson, who was named the SoCon Freshman of the Year after rushing for 568 yards and four touchdowns in 2009. Quarterback Zack Jaynes (1,790 passing yards, 9 TDs) will try to bring the Catamounts out of the scoring cellar (they averaged a conference-low 14.1 points a game), but may have some competition for his job from Connecticut transfer Casey Turner. Another transfer, Deja Alexander (Central Michigan), has the potential to be Wagner's latest recruiting gem.

Redshirt freshman Randy Pressley, who came to WCU as a quarterback, will switch to the other side of the ball and play linebacker in 2010. He'll have a good chance for playing time after Western lost two All-SoCon picks at that spot to graduation.

Jeff Monken was hired at **Georgia Southern** (5-6, 4-4) in the offseason, marking the program's fourth coach in the last eight years. The good news for Eagles fans is that Monken plans to reintroduce the triple-option offense, which helped Georgia Southern win six national championships between 1985 and 2000.

Monken, who was an assistant at GSU from 1997-2001 (during which the Eagles won two FCS titles) and served as special teams coordinator under former Eagles head coach Paul Johnson at both Georgia Tech and Navy, is also changing the team's defense to a 4-3 scheme.

The Eagles will be without last year's starters at quarterback (Lee Chapple) and running back (Adam Urbano), as both asked for their release from the university. Transfer Jaybo Shaw, who has experience running the triple option as Georgia Tech's backup QB the last two years, will be eligible in the fall and could start immediately. Heading up the defensive returnees are 6-2, 300-pound sophomore Brent Russell (6 sacks), a first-team All-SoCon pick, and linebacker Dion DuBose (85 tackles).

It was an offseason of chaos and turmoil for **The Citadel** (4-7, 2-6), one that saw the team's new defensive coordinator, Mark Collins, leave for the NFL just a month after he was hired, and the shocking arrest of one of the Bulldogs' most promising players.

Quarterback Miguel Starks, who looked to be the top candidate to start in The Citadel's new triple-option offense, was charged in February with armed robbery, first-degree burglary, kidnapping and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. The victim in the alleged crime was Bulldogs assistant Josh Harpe, who has since left the staff.

This came after Bart Blanchard, the starting signal-caller for most of last year, decided to not return for his senior campaign, and reserve QB Tommy Edwards announced he was transferring. That left junior Luke Caldwell, who played receiver for the Bulldogs in his first two years, as the No. 1 QB in the spring. Citadel also has to replace key starters along its defensive front, but returns a solid secondary featuring senior Cortez Allen and sophomore Joseph Boateng.

SOUTHLAND

PREDICTIONS

1 → Stephen F. Austin
2 → McNeese State
3 → Texas State
4 → Southeastern Louisiana
5 → Central Arkansas
6 → Northwestern State
7 → Nicholls State
8 → Sam Houston State

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Jeremy Moses, QB, Stephen F. Austin
defense → Jabara Williams, LB, Stephen F. Austin
newcomer → Tyler Arndt, QB, Texas State

GAME TO WATCH

10/09/10 Stephen F. Austin at McNeese State

It's early in the season for a showdown, but the winner of this game will have the inside track for the Southland title and an automatic FCS playoff bid.

Look for Moses to command 'Jacks to another league title

By Scott Rabalais
Correspondent

It was just three years ago when Stephen F. Austin was nothing more than a Southland Conference doormat, as other conference teams fattened up during a season in which the Lumberjacks went 0-11. That was coach J.C. Harper's first year, and after that campaign he brought in new coordinators on both sides of the ball and the team changed to a wide-open passing attack.

Everything fell into place for Stephen F. Austin last year, as the Lumberjacks captured a share of the Southland title (their first since 1999) and received the league's automatic FCS playoff bid. Harper was also named the Southland's Coach of the Year, and quarterback Jeremy Moses was named the conference's Co-Player of the Year.

Backed by 16 returning starters (including Moses), Stephen F. Austin is primed for a repeat Southland championship, but it will have to fend off McNeese State, which must replace some key starters on offense.

Quarterback Jeremy Moses has been a big part of **Stephen F. Austin's** (10-3 overall, 6-1 Southland) resurgence, throwing for 8,150 yards and 81 touchdowns over the last two years. In 2009, Moses helped the Lumberjacks to the second round of the FCS playoffs, where the team lost to eventual finalist Montana.

Moses returns for his junior campaign, but another 4,000-yard season will be a challenge with Stephen F. Austin graduating its top two receivers and running backs. Fortunately, the Lumberjacks can rely on a defense that returns eight starters, led by two-time All-America linebacker Jabara Williams. The team returns 40 lettermen in all, including 2009 Southland Newcomer of the Year Andre Banks at cornerback.

As usual, **McNeese State** (9-3, 6-1) will be expected to contend for the Southland championship, especially since the Cowboys play host to Stephen F. Austin in October. Unfortunately, the Lumberjacks' strength is the Cowboys' weakness. Gone for McNeese is quarterback Derrick Fourroux, a four-year starter. A raft of candidates for the 2010 job includes Derek's younger brother, Zack, but no one has yet to take a college snap.

Running back Toddrick Pendland is also gone, but the Cowboys return Champlain Babin, who rushed for 349 yards and four TDs in 2009.

Every starter is back on defense, led by All-Southland free safety Malcolm Bronson and linebacker Deron Minor.

Spring football ended at **Texas State** (7-4, 5-2) with no replacement named for four-year starter Bradley George at quarterback. Tim Hawkins and newcomer Eric Soza are the top contenders, while highly touted freshman Tyler Arndt will get a chance if he can grasp the offense.

Boosting the Bobcats will be the return of wide receiver Da'Marcus Griggs (who ranked ninth in the FCS with 12.1 catches per game last year) and senior running back Karrington Bush, who rushed for 1,065 yards in 2008. The defense, led by linebackers Marcus Clark (a three-year starter) and Bryan Iwuji, is expected to be strong.

The Southland's version of a dark-horse contender could be **Southeastern Louisiana** (6-5, 4-3). After posting their best season since joining the conference in 2005, the Lions welcome back 18 starters and 51 lettermen, the most since 2003. Senior Tyler Beatty (a Baylor transfer) and sophomore B.J. Young will vie to replace graduated quarterback Brian Babin.

Expect whoever wins that job to lean on a running game led by bruising 240-pound Zeke Jones. Ten starters return on defense, among them 2009 Southland interceptions leader Re'Keem Wilson and all-conference linebacker Mark Newbill.

A year after posting the Southland's best record in 2008, **Central Arkansas** (5-7, 2-5) must try to resume its upward migration after losing a 23-man senior class that included quarterback Robbie Park and all-time leading rusher Brent Grimes. Nathan Dick, a former University of Arkansas player, or Wynrick Smothers will replace Park at quarterback, while the trio of Jackie Hinton, Terence Bobo and Anthony Blackmon looks to fill Grimes' void. All-Southland end Markell Carter anchors the defensive front.

Northwestern State (0-11, 0-7) returns only three starters on defense. Maybe that's a good thing after the Demons were gashed for 36.5 points and 422.1 yards per game in their first-ever 0-11 campaign.

Two highly ranked recruiting classes hold promise, but Bradley Dale Peveto's second year as coach will probably still be a struggle. Peveto played 14 true freshmen in 2009, and a comparable number is expected to see the field this fall.

After struggling to score or produce yardage in 2009, **Nicholls State** (3-8, 2-5) turns to veteran offensive coach Charlie Stubbs to revive the Colonels' football fortunes. Stubbs—whose 30-plus-year career has included stops as an assistant at Alabama, Louisville, Oregon State and BYU—chucked Nicholls' triple option and installed a pro-style passing attack.

The biggest test will be converting run-first quarterback LaQuintin Caston into more of a thrower. Caston completed just 45 percent of his passes in 2009. End Marquis Russell, linebacker Anri Stewart and All-Southland cornerback candidate Bobby Felder lead the defense.

The realistic expectations in Huntsville, Texas, are for 2010 to be a rebuilding season at **Sam Houston State** (5-6, 3-4), which lost 26 seniors and returns just eight starters. Of those regulars, only three play offense. The defense will be spearheaded by sophomore safety Kenneth Jenkins and junior linebacker Will Henry (10.5 tackles for loss).

MEAC

Bulldogs have the right bite for a MEAC threepeat

By Lut Williams
Black College Sports Page

South Carolina State established itself as the unquestioned king of MEAC football last year, capturing its second straight title and extending its conference win streak to 19 games. But the Bulldogs could not end the league's postseason drought (which now stands at 11 straight losses), as they fell to Appalachian State for the second straight year in the FCS playoffs.

Still, coach Buddy Pough's Bulldogs are clear favorites to make it three consecutive MEAC championships.

Florida A&M, Norfolk State and Morgan State will be breaking in new starting quarterbacks. Bethune-Cookman has a new coach in Brian Jenkins and will be adjusting to his style.

Hampton and North Carolina A&T should be better with coaches entering their second seasons, while youth will likely keep Delaware State and Howard from mounting serious challenges.

South Carolina State's (10-2 overall, 8-0 MEAC) hope for a third straight title rests in the hands of senior quarterback Malcolm Long, who looks to improve on his sterling regular-season numbers (208.6 passing yards per game, 20 TDs, 10 INTs).

Devin Wherry and Chris Merrill will get first crack at filling Will Ford's backfield spot, while Lennell Elmore and Richard Christie step into key receiver roles.

Linemen Josh Harrison, Johnny Culbreath and Juavahr Nathan are returning All-MEAC performers. Marshall McFadden (who missed last year with an injury), David Erby and Julius Wilkerson will form a trio of standout linebackers.

TOP PLAYERS

offense → Malcolm Long, QB, South Carolina State
defense → Brandon Peguese, DE/LB, Hampton
newcomer → Donte Davis, WR, Hampton

Florida A&M (8-3, 6-2) lost quarterback Curtis Pulley but returns Eddie Battle and Martin Ukpai. Wide receivers Kevin Elliott (44 catches, 554 yards, 7 TDs) and Isaac West (36, 641, 2) make up the league's best tandem.

Middle linebacker Alvis Graham, who led the team in tackles (69) last season, will be joined on the outside by touted Winston-Salem State transfer Joshua Newkirk.

If coach Pete Adrian can develop a quarterback, look for **Norfolk State** (7-4, 5-3) to challenge South Carolina State. The Spartans return six All-MEAC players in offensive linemen William Falakiseni, Kendall Noble and Carlton Ford; running back DeAngelo Branche; tight end Sherron Childress, and defensive lineman Josh Turner.

Junior college transfer Chris Walley and redshirt freshman Kevin Leatherwood are both looking to replace departed QB Dennis Brown.

Syracuse transfer David Legree filled in for injured quarterback Herbert Bynes last year and the two should battle in the offseason, giving **Hampton** (5-6, 3-5) and coach Donovan Rose stability under center. Donte Davis, another Syracuse transfer, joins Isiah Thomas (27 catches, 6 TDs) and Reginald Hicks (26, 3) at wide receiver.

The Pirates have strong linebackers in All-MEAC senior Julio Sanchez, Jacobi Fenner and Gerald Francios, but end Brandon Peguese may be the best defender in the league.

Coach Donald Hill-Eley is counting on quarterbacks Donovan Dickerson and Delonte Williams to lead an offensive resurgence at **Morgan State** (6-5, 4-4). Allen Singletary takes over as the feature back and will get help from Brian Mann and newcomer Jordan Brooks.

Winfred Diggs (38 catches) and All-MEAC tight end Lamont Bryant (18 catches, 2 TDs) are solid receivers.

The defense lost two stars in linebacker George Howard, the 2009 MEAC Player of the Year, but returns All-MEAC defensive back Darren McKhan.

North Carolina A&T (5-6, 3-5) coach Alonzo Lee found a player to help the Aggies move up in the standings in running back Mike Mayhew (471 yards, 6 TDs), who was the MEAC's top rookie in '09.

Wide receiver Wallace Miles (42 catches, 3 TDs) is coming off a breakout year, as are All-MEAC defensive backs Justin Ferrell and Quay Long. Lewis Kindle has earned the quarterback job and will throw to Larry Raper and Buster Cooper.

Linebacker Brandon Jackson returns after leading the team with 69 tackles.

Coach Al Lavan has senior leadership from quarterback Anthony Glaud and wide receiver Larrone Moore on a **Delaware State** (4-7, 3-5) team dominated by underclassmen. Wideout Darius Jackson (41 catches) and running back Jaashawn Jones (632 yards, 5 TDs) were productive as sophomores and should again figure into the offense.

All-MEAC defensive tackle Andre Carroll led the Hornets in tackles (56) last year.

After losing four straight games to open the season, coach Alvin Wyatt lost his job at **Bethune-Cookman** (5-6, 4-4). Brian Jenkins, a former assistant at Rutgers, takes over and has banished the "Wyatt-Bone" offense in favor of a multiple attack.

Matthew Johnson remains at quarterback but will throw to former signal-callers Maurice Francois and Michael Adams and JeVaughn Reams.

The Wildcats are solid at linebacker with Reggie Sandilands, Ryan Davis and Ryan Lewis.

A young **Howard** (2-9, 0-8) squad should be better in 2010, as coach Carey Bailey looks to take advantage of the running and passing skills of QB Jared Dorsey, receiver Willie Carter, slotback Brandon Drayton and running back Andra Williams.

Linebacker Keith Pough (12.5 tackles for loss) was a big surprise as a freshman and will team with Patrick Jean-Mary to give the Bison an improved defense.

MID EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

PREDICTIONS

1 → South Carolina State
2 → Florida A&M
3 → Norfolk State
4 → Hampton
5 → Morgan State
6 → North Carolina A&T
7 → Delaware State
8 → Bethune-Cookman
9 → Howard

GAME TO WATCH

10/16/10 Norfolk State at Hampton

After years of domination by Hampton, the pendulum has apparently swung to the Norfolk side of this across-the-Chesapeake Bay rivalry after the Spartans' 46-6 win last year, their second in three seasons. The winner of this matchup may be South Carolina State's chief challenger for the top of the MEAC.

SWAC

PREDICTIONS

EAST

1 → Alabama A&M
2 → Alcorn State
3 → Jackson State
4 → Alabama State
5 → Mississippi Valley State

WEST

1 → Prairie View A&M
2 → Grambling State
3 → Texas Southern
4 → Arkansas-Pine Bluff
5 → Southern

TOP PLAYERS

offense → K.J. Black, QB, Prairie View A&M
defense → Christian Anthony, DE, Grambling State
newcomer → Tim Dandridge, S, Jackson State

GAME TO WATCH

09/25/10 Grambling State vs. Prairie View A&M at Dallas (Cotton Bowl)

Prairie View finally hurdled past Grambling last year, clipping the Tigers 35-32 in a down-to-the-wire thriller en route to winning its first SWAC title in 45 years. With Prairie View now a contender, this annual game at the state fair can now truly be called a "classic."

Prairie View getting cozy atop SWAC throne

By Lut Williams
Black College Sports Page

Not only did Prairie View A&M establish itself as a challenger for the SWAC's top honors last season, the Panthers finally broke through, going undefeated in conference play, including getting past West Division nemesis Grambling State for the first time in Prairie View coach Henry Frazier's tenure.

The 30-24 title game victory over East Division champion Alabama A&M completed a remarkable turnaround for a program that had languished at the bottom of the league for more than four decades and erased the memory of a record 80-game losing streak in the 1990s that had come to define the Panthers. Frazier earned 10 Coach-of-the-Year awards, including *The Sports Network's* Eddie Robinson Award, which is given to the best FCS coach in the nation.

Texas Southern, whose SWAC title drought (since 1968) is almost as long as Prairie View's was, posted its first winning record since 2000 and moved past Southern and Arkansas-Pine Bluff to tie Grambling for second in the SWAC West. Third-year coach Johnnie Cole has the Tigers on the rise.

Alcorn State, which has not won a SWAC title since 1994, made a run at Alabama A&M in the East under new coach Earnest Collins. The Braves tied for second in the East with Jackson State, taking wins over Alabama A&M and Jackson State.

The rise of these once-dormant programs may have cost two coaches their jobs. Southern, which tied with Arkansas-Pine Bluff at the bottom of the SWAC West, parted ways with 17-year mentor Pete Richardson in favor of former NFL rushing standout Lyvonia "Stump" Mitchell. Mississippi Valley State coach Willie Totten resigned after eight seasons of failing to get the Delta Devils to a championship game. He has been replaced by former North Alabama assistant Karl Morgan.

EAST DIVISION

Talented quarterback Deaunte Mason became the starter late in the season and led **Alabama A&M** (7-5 overall, 4-3 SWAC) to the East Division title last year. But he will now be without running back Ulysses Banks and wide receiver Thomas Harris, who ended their careers as the school's all-time leaders in rushing and receiving, respectively. Rashad Johnson (38 receptions, 2 TDs) will likely take over for Harris, while senior Tony Green will get first shot at the backfield slot. Anquez Jackson is among three starters returning on the offensive line.

The Bulldogs will feature three All-SWAC defenders in lineman Frank Kearse, linebacker Afu Okosun and cornerback Korey Morrison.

Wideouts Edward Johnson (41 receptions, 6 TDs) and Terrance Lewis (21, 3) are waiting to see who will replace playmaking quarterback Tim Buckley, who took nearly all the snaps at **Alcorn State** (3-6, 3-4) last season. Senior Terrance Barnes, sophomore Darius Smith and three freshmen will vie for the position. Arnold Walker (448 yards, 3 TDs) and Gabriel Nash are the chief backfield weapons.

Defensive end Malcolm Taylor, who led the SWAC in sacks (9.0), middle linebacker Herve Tonye-Tonye and safety Josh Cragin will shore up a unit that was last in scoring defense (32.2 ppg) a year ago.

While leading the SWAC in total yards per game (259.9) and pass defense (154.7 ypg), the **Jackson State** (3-7, 3-4) offense was among the most anemic in the FCS last season, averaging 13.9 points per game. That prompted coach Rick Comegy to jettison James Woody in favor of new offensive coordinator Earnest Wilson and his "Air-Raid" offense. Quarterback Dedric McDonald will get the first crack at leading a new offense that will feature wide receiver Keenan Tillman and running back Bloi-Dei Dorzon (478 yards, 3 TDs) as the prime weapons.

The defense lost its top three tacklers but returns ball-poaching safeties Kerry Hoskins (7 INTs) and Ryan Rich (6). Minnesota transfer Tim Dandridge will also help in the secondary. End Sam Washington returns from injury to join Neal Pogue and Donavan Robinson on the defensive front.

Coach Reggie Barlow continues to look for answers at **Alabama State** (4-7, 1-6) and has brought in former Grambling head coach Melvin Spears (fresh off a stint as offensive coordinator at Texas Southern) to ratchet up an offense that put up just 16.6 points per game last season. Barlow hopes to employ a vertical passing game that will take advantage of the skills of wideouts Nicholas Andrews (47 receptions, 803 yards, 5 TDs) and Darius Mathis (36, 398, 4). Senior Anthony Speight steps into the quarterback role, with Tim Clark the likely starter at running back. Bruce Beal and Tim Moore are returning starters on the offensive line.

Tackle Kynjee Cotton, linebacker Anthony Burney, cornerback Donovan Masline and safety Kejuan Riley lead a stingy defense that gave up just 20.5 points per game a year ago, third best in the league.

New **Mississippi Valley State** (3-8, 1-6) coach Karl Morgan brings a lot of defensive credentials to his new post and will have linebacker Rory Malone and cornerback Markkus Davis as leaders on that side of the ball. Reginald Foster and DeKcoven Burrell are also holdover starters on defense.

Morgan plans to use a ball-control offense over the pass-first scheme employed by former coach Willie Totten. While quarterback is an open spot with Marvin Pittman and Anthony Bowie competing for the job, running backs

CHRISTIAN ANTHONY
GRAMBLING STATE

AP PHOTO / BUTCH DILL

Stephen Robert, Milton Gaston and Chris Watkins should see more of a workload. Chris Williams (32 receptions), Brandon Stargell (31) and Paul Cox (20) are proven receivers.

WEST DIVISION

The chance for a repeat championship at **Prairie View A&M** (9-1, 7-0) is buoyed by the return of 18 starters—10 on offense and eight on defense. The reigning SWAC Offensive Player of the Year, quarterback K.J. Black, finished second in the FCS in passing efficiency while throwing for 2,033 yards and 22 touchdowns and just four interceptions. Black and his fellow offensive catalyst, running back Donald Babers (919 yards, 9 TDs), should improve their numbers playing behind a line that returns all of its starters, including All-SWAC honorees James Dekle and Tim Tusey.

All-conference defensive end Quinton Spears and cornerback Chris Adingupu (2009's team tackles leader) head up a defensive corps that gave up a conference-low 16.6 points per game last year. Pedro Ventura, a first-team All-SWAC punter, is a valued commodity on special teams.

Coach Rod Broadway's **Grambling State** (7-4, 5-2) squad matches up well against Prairie View A&M. Quarterback Greg Dillon (1,747 passing yards, 13 TDs), running backs Frank Warren (926 rushing yards) and Cornelius Walker (645), All-SWAC return specialist Kiare Thompson and all-conference kicker Ari Johnson (90 points) return to an offense that topped the league in scoring (33.5 ppg) last year.

Reigning SWAC Defensive Player of the Year Christian Anthony (76 tackles, 15 for loss, 8 sacks, 5 INTs, 5 forced fumbles, 2 TDs) returns to lead the defense, along with junior linebacker Cliff Exama, who was second in league tackles (8.5 per game) in '09.

A young **Texas Southern** (6-5, 5-2) team closed with a flourish last season, winning five of its final six games and establishing itself as a legitimate title contender. Linebacker Dejuan Fulghum and cornerbacks De'Markus Washington and Robert Joseph are the ringleaders on a defense that kept the Tigers close in all of their conference contests.

Last season's SWAC Newcomer of the Year, quarterback Arvell Nelson (2,392 yards, 12 TDs), needs to cut down on his 13 interceptions from a year ago. He'll get help from returning wide receivers Joseph Anderson (51 catches, 7 TDs) and Joseph Warren (31 receptions) and running back Martin Gilbert, who rushed for 644 yards and six scores in '09. Five starters on the offensive line and kicker Robert Hersh are also back.

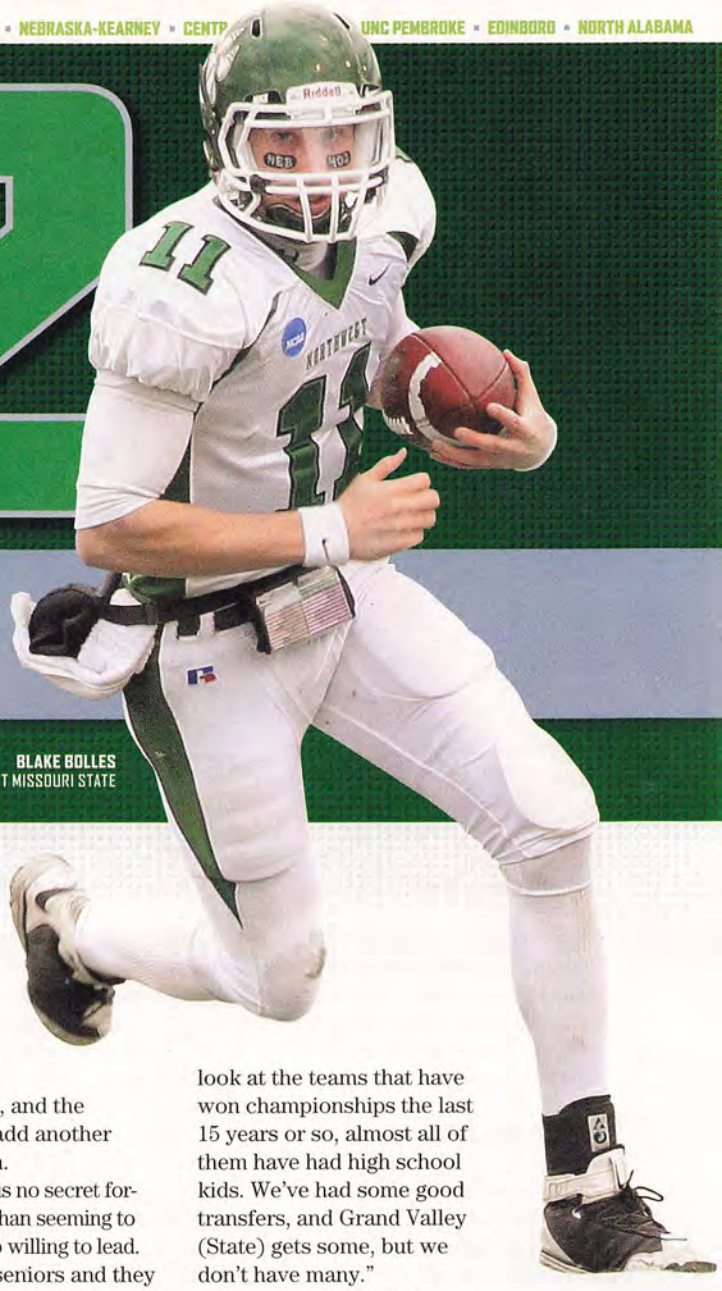
Coach Monte Coleman, who won three Super Bowl rings as a longtime Washington Redskins linebacker, added former NFL defensive cohorts Vernon Dean and Dennis Winston and new offensive coordinator Jerry Mack to the **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** (5-5, 3-4) coaching staff, hoping for bumps in production. Dean and Winston will have defensive lineman Ibraham Abdulai and cornerback Raymond Duplechain as the prized pupils on a unit that lost its five top tacklers.

Mack will choose between holdovers Josh Boudreaux and Rontrell Bailey at quarterback, while Dhabion Woodfin steps into the lead role at running back, replacing Mickey Dean. Raymond Webber (36 receptions, 4 TDs) and Ladarius Eckwood are the top receivers.

New coach Stump Mitchell is starting from scratch at **Southern** (6-5, 3-4). The Jaguars lost the SWAC's top passer (Bryant Lee), top receiver (Juamorris Stewart), top tight end (Warren Matthews) and the team's leading rusher (Brian Threat), not to mention the SWAC's dean of coaches in Pete Richardson. Mitchell says discipline on the field and in the classroom are the keys to revitalizing the program.

The new coach will build around running back Gary Hollimon (346 yards, 6 TDs) and safety/return man Jason House, who had a league-best 10 interceptions last season.

D2 DIVISION II PREVIEW



BLAKE BOLLES
NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Road to D2 title will again go through Northwest Missouri or Grand Valley

By Gregg Dewalt, *Florence (Ala.) TimesDaily*

There's a pretty good case to be made that Northwest Missouri State has become the dominant football program on the Division II landscape.

Consider the fact that coach Mel Tjeerdsma's team has made it to the championship game seven times since 1998.

On three occasions—including 2009—the Bearcats returned home to Maryville, Mo., with a national title in hand. Each year from 2005 to 2008, Northwest Missouri played for the championship at Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Ala., but went home empty-handed. Finally, the Bearcats snapped a four-game losing streak in the title game last December, edging past Grand Valley State 30-23.

And the four losses in the championship game were by a total of 19 points.

This season, Northwest Missouri will try to extend its record streak of championship game appearances to six, and the Bearcats are favored to add another trophy to their collection.

Tjeerdsma insists there is no secret formula to his success other than seeming to always have a senior group willing to lead.

"We do a lot with the seniors and they really take ownership of the team in their year," Tjeerdsma says. "No matter what they've accomplished so far, if they don't get it done their senior year, they feel like they have failed in some way."

Perhaps equally as important is that Tjeerdsma builds the bulk of his program with high school players, nearly all of whom redshirt their first season. The veteran coach has a select few transfers, but most players pay their dues by moving up in the program.

"That's the way we've been doing it since I took over in 1994," Tjeerdsma says. "We want to try to do it with high school kids. There's lots of ways to do it, but when you look at the teams that have won championships the last 15 years or so, almost all of them have had high school kids. We've had some good transfers, and Grand Valley (State) gets some, but we don't have many."

Grand Valley State has a pretty good case of its own when it comes to dominance. If Northwest Missouri State is No. 1, then the Lakers can be labeled No. 1-A. The Lakers own four national championships in six title game appearances since 2002, including back-to-back wins against Northwest Missouri in 2005-06.

This year, the Lakers will try to make it back to Florence with a new coach, Matt Mitchell, who was elevated from defensive coordinator when Chuck Martin joined former GVSU coach Brian Kelly at Notre Dame.

With more teams staking a claim to national prominence each season, the road to Florence gets tougher and tougher. One thing stays the same: To get to the championship game, at some point you have to beat the Bearcats or the Lakers.

GAMES TO WATCH

Aug. 28	Minnesota-Duluth at Central Washington
Sept. 2	Texas A&M-Kingsville at Northwest Missouri State
Sept. 11	Hillsdale at Grand Valley State
Nov. 6	California (Pa.) at Edinboro
Nov. 6	Abilene Christian at West Texas A&M

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There's no question **Northwest Missouri State** (14-1) is the team to beat. After winning the school's first national championship since 1999, Tjeerdsma's team returns 10 starters on offense, including the dynamic pass-catch combo of Blake Bolles (4,145 yards, 42 TD passes) and Jake Soy (27 TD catches). The Bearcats need to replace five defensive starters and running back LaRon Council, but Tjeerdsma likes to stockpile talent and there is plenty of it on the depth chart.

Mitchell is no stranger to **Grand Valley State** (13-2), but his view now is from the head coach's office. The defense, Mitchell's forté, should be among the best in the nation as seven of the top nine tacklers return. Danny Richard, an All-America lineman, is the defensive leader. Cornerback Rob Carlisle and safety Zach Breen return from injuries, giving the unit an added boost. Two transfers and an experienced offensive line should help Mitchell rebuild the offense. Eastern Michigan transfer Kyle McMahon will battle Marquel Neasman at quarterback, while Akron transfer Norman Shuford is in the mix at running back.

Coming off the first top-10 finish in school history and with a slew of returning offensive stars, **West Liberty** (11-2) appears primed to make a run at the national championship. Harlon Hill Trophy runner-up quarterback Zach Amedro returns after throwing for 4,945 yards and 49 touchdowns as a junior. Amedro's favorite targets, Ryan Travis and Kashif Walls, are also back after combining for 165 catches, 2,571 yards and 35 scores. Tailback Kevon Calhoun will see what he can do for an encore after rushing for 1,529 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2009. While the offensive parts seem to be in place for a title run, coach Roger Waialae's team must improve significantly on defense.

Minnesota-Duluth (11-2) remains the team to beat in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. The 2008 national champs have some holes to fill, but they welcome back the league's offensive and defensive players of the year. All-America running back Isaac Odim returns after rushing for 1,808 yards and 29 touchdowns; he'll continue to rewrite the school's record book. Linebacker Robbie Aurich led the nation's second-stingiest scoring defense (12.5 ppg) with 93 stops.

California (Pa.) made it to the national semifinals before losing to eventual champ Northwest Missouri. The Vulcans (11-4) should be able to move the ball with eight returning offensive starters, including QB Josh Portis, wide receiver Terrance Moore and four linemen. Coach John Luckhardt has to rebuild the defense, however.

Nebraska-Kearney (11-2) breezed through the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference last year and should make it two titles in a row if coach Darrell Morris can put together an offensive line to protect junior QB Jake Spitzlberger and open enough holes for running back Rustin Dring, who set a school record with 1,648 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2009.

Central Washington (12-1) led the nation in scoring defense (11.9 ppg) and topped the final regular-season poll, but coach Blaine Bennett has many holes to fill for the Wildcats to remain among the nation's elite. Eugene Germany and Adam Bighill return on defense after combining for 24 tackles for loss.

UNC Pembroke (9-2) qualified for the playoffs in just its third year of college football, and it appears the Braves are being built for the long run with 18 starters returning. Ten of those regulars, including safety Caylon Hann, form a unit that was 11th nationally in total defense.

CAYLON HANN
UNC PEMBROKE

Edinboro (9-4) tied a school record for wins last season. Redshirt freshman Cody Harris should take over for his brother, Trevor, at quarterback and will operate behind an experienced line that features first-team all-conference guard Rob Stoner. Edinboro's defense experienced some ups and downs in 2009, but has a superb cornerback in Branden Williams, who had six interceptions.

Terry Bowden returns for a second season as coach at **North Alabama** (11-2) after keeping the Lions in the running for a national title with a huge influx of Division I transfers. Bowden might not bring in 24 D-I players like he did last year, but there are plenty of holes to fill with only five returning starters. All-conference linebacker Larry Wilson and nose guard Nate Frazier, a transfer from Navy who sat out last season, will lead the defense. Offensively, the Lions are looking for skill players after losing their quarterback, running back and top three receivers.

Carson-Newman (11-3) lost the bulk of the offensive stars from its NCAA semifinal appearance, and coach Ken Sparks is looking for a new quarterback and a replacement for All-America running back Buck Wakefield.

Minnesota State-Mankato (10-2) will try to extend its playoff streak to three behind sophomore running back Jake Aberg, who emerged with 1,201 yards and 10 touchdowns. Defensively, the Mavericks are in good shape with the return of six of their top nine tacklers, including defensive back Jesse Hamilton, who intercepted seven passes in 2009.

Hillsdale (10-3) is coming off its most successful season after winning its first playoff game and ending Grand Valley's five-year regular-season winning streak in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Chargers should be explosive on offense with QB Troy Weatherhead, 1,000-yard receiver Andre Holmes and three veteran linemen.

Coach Chris Thomsen says he believes this year's **Abilene Christian** (9-4) team might be his best since

PRESEASON TOP 25

1. NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE
2. GRAND VALLEY STATE
3. WEST LIBERTY
4. MINNESOTA-DULUTH
5. CALIFORNIA (PA.)
6. NEBRASKA-KEARNEY
7. CENTRAL WASHINGTON
8. UNC PEMBROKE
9. EDINBORO
10. NORTH ALABAMA
11. CARSON-NEWMAN
12. MINNESOTA STATE-MANKATO
13. HILLSDALE
14. ABILENE CHRISTIAN
15. TARLETON STATE
16. MISSOURI WESTERN
17. TUSKEGEE
18. TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE
19. SHIPPENSBURG
20. SAGINAW VALLEY
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22. WEST TEXAS A&M
23. ARKANSAS TECH
24. WEST ALABAMA
25. MIDWESTERN STATE

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arriving in 2005. Known for their high-powered offense, the Wildcats might win with defense this year as four key players led by ends Aston Whiteside and Fred Thompson make up an experienced unit.

Tarleton State (10-3) has a familiar face at head coach as Cary Fowler moves up from defensive coordinator to take over for Sam McElroy, who left to become an assistant on Tommy Tuberville's new staff at Texas Tech. The expectations are high for Fowler, as he inherits a program that has gone 80-33 over the past decade. Fowler has some talent returning on offense, led by QB Scott Grantham and running back Evan Robertson, but the Texans lost several key players from a solid defensive unit.

Missouri Western (9-3) just missed a playoff appearance last year and settled for a Mineral Water Bowl win against Augustana. It was the fifth nine-win season for the Griffons in seven campaigns. With QB Drew Newhart and running back Thomas Hodges returning to the offense, a playoff run is very possible.

It's hard to find a more successful program than **Tuskegee** (10-2) over the last decade. The Golden Tigers were 101-16 and captured seven Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships from 2000-09. Coach Willie Slater's team shows no sign of letting up, either, with 16 starters returning from last season's Pioneer Bowl champion. Defensive ends Danny Anderson (9 sacks) and Darian Barnes (12.5) combined for 34.5 tackles for loss up front for Tuskegee in 2009.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (9-3) returned to national prominence with a solid 2009 season that included a heartbreaking 57-56 overtime loss to Lone Star Conference rival Tarleton State in the first round of the NCAA playoffs. Offensively, the Javelinas will rely on running back Fred Winborn, who finished with 1,295 yards and 17 touchdowns last year. Safety DeIra Glover, who scored four defensive touchdowns, anchors the defense.

Shippensburg (9-3) was a surprise Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference-East winner and earned a first-round playoff bye before losing to West Division rival California (Pa.) in a rematch of their regular-season finale. The Red Raiders appear to have reversed a trend of losing the close ones. Coach Rocky Rees' team won four games by seven or fewer points last year. Leading rusher Kevin Herod (727 yards) will be prominent in Shippensburg's Wing-T offense.

Saginaw Valley (9-3) will try to make a run at the GLIAC title with senior Chuck Dowdell at quarterback, but the Cardinal have big holes to fill with the loss of linebacker John Jacobs and tight end Galen Stone.

Coach Denny Douds begins his 37th season at **East Stroudsburg** (8-4) with a veteran lineup that returns 15 starters, including Matt Marshall, who threw 26 TD passes as a first-year starter. Marshall should be well protected by four returning offensive linemen, while Ed Kiser (43 catches, 805 yards) leads a talented group of receivers. Defensively, linebacker Matt Freed has 258 tackles over the past two seasons and will head up a unit that returns seven starters.

West Texas A&M (7-5) rebounded from a slow start to win its final six games in 2009. With 17 returning starters the Buffs should challenge for a playoff berth and the Lone Star Conference title. All of the key skill players return on offense, while the linebacking and secondary units are back intact on defense.

Arkansas Tech (9-3) coach Steve Mullins must rebuild the Wonder Boys' offense after losing QB and Harlon Hill Trophy finalist Nick Graziano, the team's top two receivers and three linemen. The defense should improve in Jeff Byrd's second year as coordinator with eight of Tech's top 11 tacklers returning.

After qualifying for the playoffs for the first time in 34 years, the challenge for coach Bobby Wallace at **West Alabama** (8-5) is to make a return trip. The Tigers will rely on veteran QB Deon Williams and a signing class that includes 14 junior college players to make a run at the Gulf South Conference title.

Midwestern State (9-3) will shoot for its 11th straight winning season with Harlon Hill Trophy finalist Zack Eskridge at quarterback. The senior threw for a school-record 3,295 yards and 29 TDs in 2009.

OTHERS TO WATCH

NORTHEAST-10

Coach John Perry has turned **Merrimack** (7-3) into a playoff contender in just two seasons. The Warriors should be explosive with the return of conference MVP James Suozzo at quarterback and running back Anthony Smalls. ... Second-year **Bentley** (8-2) coach Thom Boerman expects a big year from QB Bryant Johnson, who should have a better understanding of the team's spread offense. ... **Southern Connecticut State** (6-4) won a share of the conference title in 2009 and will rely on the rushing of John Wiechman and Rashaad Slowley, who combined for 1,000 yards and seven touchdowns last season. ... **Assumption** (6-4) showed a five-win improvement from 2008 and returns 19 starters, including running back Herbert Woodard, who rushed for 1,175 yards and 17 scores.

WEST VIRGINIA INTERCOLLEGIATE

Shepherd (6-4) has one of the best return men in the nation in Deante Steele, who tied a Division II record with six returns for touchdowns (2 kickoffs, 3 punts, 1 INT). Two of Shepherd's three losses were by a total of three points. ... **Glenville State** (7-4) has a challenging schedule that includes North Alabama, UNC Pembroke and West Liberty.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC

Bloomsburg (8-3) will try to return to the playoffs behind Derrick Price, who rushed for 762 yards and 12 TDs in eight games last year. ... **West Chester** (7-4) had a five-year playoff streak snapped and the Golden Rams are looking for a quarterback and linebackers to key another postseason berth. ... **Slippery Rock** will try to make a run at the West Division title with five returning all-conference players, including placekicker C.J. Bahr. ... **Gannon** (6-5) ended 2009 with four consecutive wins, including an upset of Bloomsburg. The Golden Knights could be a sleeper in the PSAC. ... **Millersville** (3-8) showed improvement in its second year under Greg Colby, and the Marauders should get better with 17 returning starters.

MID-AMERICA INTERCOLLEGIATE

Nebraska-Omaha (7-5) finished in a four-way tie for second place last season and will rely on the conference's reigning Freshman of the Year, running back Levi Terrell, and tight end Mike Higgins to carry the offense. ... **Pittsburg State** (5-6) will try to rebound from its first losing season since 1977 with a new coach. Longtime offensive coordinator Tim Beck takes over for Chuck Broyles, who won 198 games in 20 years.

LONE STAR

Central Oklahoma (4-7) will try to rebound from a subpar 2009 campaign with an offense that features wide receivers Ryan Gallimore and Daniel Morrell. ... **Angelo State** (6-5) will try to parlay the momentum from its first winning season since 2005 into a playoff run. Josh Neiswander is set to become the school's all-time leading passer.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC

Mesa State (5-6) returns 23 players who started either all or part of the

season, including three standout defensive players in tackle Tony Kelly, end Nainoa Campbell and outside linebacker Spencer McAdoo. ... **Colorado State-Pueblo** (7-4) has made quick progress in just two seasons, including an upset at Chadron State. ... Reigning RMAC Defensive Player of the Year Marc Schiechl hopes to help **Colorado School of Mines** overtake Nebraska-Kearney.

GULF SOUTH

Ouachita Baptist (6-4), which beat perennial conference powers Valdosta State and Delta State last year and climbed to No. 14 in the national poll, has 17 returning starters. ... **Southern Arkansas** (3-7) begins its second season under coach Bill Keopple, and the Muleriders feature one of the country's best defensive tackles in Cedric Thornton, who led the nation with 23.5 tackles for loss in 2009. ... **Valdosta State** (6-4) signed 42 players in an effort to return to elite status in the conference. ... **Delta State** (5-5) returns Trevar Deed, one of the most versatile players in Division II.

NORTHERN SUN

St. Cloud State (7-4) won seven of its final eight games, including an upset of Minnesota State. The Huskies will build their offense around tackle Scott Ferguson and receiver Fred Williams, both first-team all-conference selections. ... **Wayne State (Neb.)** is coming off its best three-year stretch in school history, winning 24 games over the span. The Wildcats (8-3) return wide receiver Frederick Bruno, who caught 77 passes for 1,163 yards last year. ... **Winona State** (7-4) opened its 2009 campaign by beating Carson-Newman, but missed out on the playoffs. Rayon Simmons, who rushed for 894 yards and 13 touchdowns, returns for his sophomore season. ... Tom Dosch is the new coach at **Northern State** (2-9) and the offense likely will be built around running back Montrel Richardson, who doubles as a standout return specialist.

GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE

Adam Housewright, who has thrown only nine passes in his collegiate career, is the leading candidate to replace record-setting quarterback Billy Cundiff as **Ashland** (6-5) tries to contend for the conference title. Housewright's transition to starter should be made easier with the return of tailback D.J. D'Marris and receivers Christian Livingston and Joe Horn. ... **Findlay** (7-4) has a mix of veterans and youth and the reigning GLIAC Freshman of the Year, Monterae Williams. ... An early five-game losing streak hurt **Indianapolis** (4-7) last season, but the Greyhounds hope to rebound under new coach Bob Bartolomeo. ... **Wayne State (Mich.)** loses Harlon Hill Trophy winner Joique Bell but has an experienced line and most of its receivers returning.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Lenoir-Rhyne (5-6) has shown steady improvement under fourth-year coach Fred Goldsmith, the former head man at Duke and Rice. With the bulk of the backfield returning from a team that ranked second in D2 rushing, the Bears could be the surprise of the SAC.

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE

Fayetteville State (8-4) lost three games by a total of 13 points last year and will try to defend its CIAA title with Ben Williams returning at quarterback. ... **Winston-Salem State** (1-10) returns to D2 after four seasons of trying to compete on the Division I level.

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE

Albany State (8-3), looking for its first SIAC title since 2006, returns a solid nucleus of eight defensive starters.

INDEPENDENTS

Thousand-yard receiver Doug Williams and rusher Daryl Brister give **Oklahoma Panhandle** (5-6) hope for its first winning season since 2004.

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OFFENSE

- QB **Zach Amedro** WEST LIBERTY (6-0, 190, SR.)
- RB **Isaac Odim** MINNESOTA-DULUTH (6-0, 215, SR.)
- RB **Jonas Randolph** MARS HILL (5-10, 185, JR.)
- RB **Rustin Dring** NEBRASKA-KEARNEY (6-0, 200, JR.)
- OL **Brett Grozinger** NORTHWEST MISSOURI (6-4, 280, SR.)
- OL **Cameron Bradfield** GRAND VALLEY STATE (6-3, 205, SR.)
- OL **Brandon Fusco** SLIPPERY ROCK (6-5, 300, SR.)
- OL **Royland Tubbs** ABILENE CHRISTIAN (6-1, 290, SR.)
- OL **David Mims** VIRGINIA UNION (6-8, 335, SR.)
- TE **Ryan Travis** WEST LIBERTY (6-3, 245, SR.)
- WR **Jake Soy** NORTHWEST MISSOURI (6-3, 210, JR.)
- WR **Kashif Walls** WEST LIBERTY (6-3, 205, SR.)
- ATH **Trevar Deed** DELTA STATE (5-11, 205, SR.)
- K **Greg Zuerlein** NEBRASKA-OMAHA (6-0, 183, SR.)

DEFENSE

- DL **Cedric Thornton** SOUTHERN ARKANSAS (6-5, 266. SR.)
- DL **Danny Richard** GRAND VALLEY STATE (6-4, 255, SR.)
- DL **Xavier Brown** C.W. POST (6-5, 245, SR.)
- DL **Aston Whiteside** ABILENE CHRISTIAN (6-2, 255, JR.)
- LB **Robbie Aurich** MINNESOTA-DULUTH (5-11, 240, SR.)
- LB **Matt Freed** EAST STROUDSBURG (5-10, 210, SR.)
- LB **Nick Thomas** WAYNE STATE (MICH.) (6-3, 237, JR.)
- LB **Shawn Loiseau** MERRIMACK (6-2, 240, JR.)
- DB **Ron Parker** NEWBERRY (6-1, 210, SR.)
- DB **Caylon Hann** UNC PEMBROKE (5-10, 180, SR.)
- DB **Branden Williams** EDINBORO (5-10, 182, JR.)
- DB **Rodney Mitchell** EASTERN NEW MEXICO (5-9, 165, SR.)
- RS **Deante Steele** SHEPHERD (5-9, 185, SR.)
- P **Brian Schmeidebusch** FINDLAY (6-4, 215, SO.)

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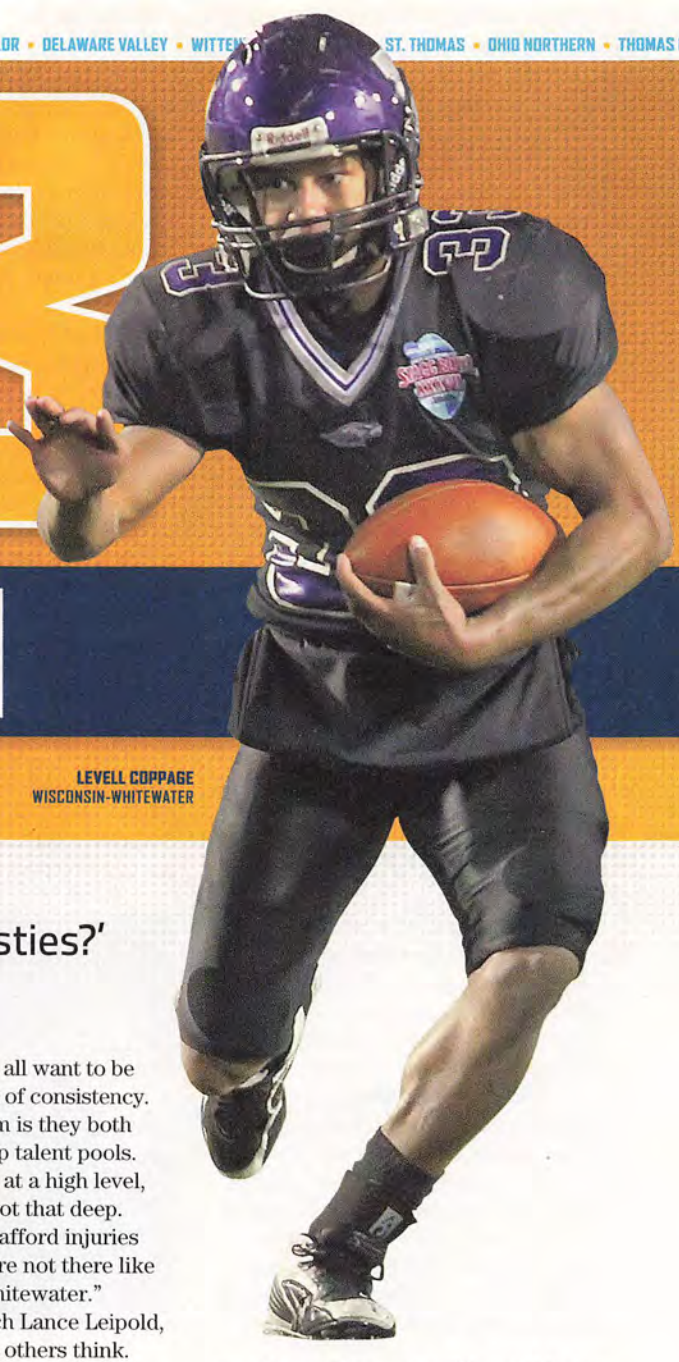
DIVISION III

PREVIEW



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WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER

Whose turn will it be in the never-ending battle of 'Dueling Dynasties?'

By Mike Goens, *Florence (Ala.) TimesDaily*

Things can be frustrating at times for the other 233 teams competing in NCAA Division III football.

Until further notice, they've got to sit back and watch the dueling dynasties of Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater, the two teams that have played for the past five national championships. For those who need a scorecard, Mount Union has a 3-2 lead in those five title games, but the Warhawks are defending champions.

Since 2005, the Purple Raiders own a 72-3 overall record, the best of any NCAA team regardless of division. Whitewater is two games off that pace at 70-5. The numbers speak volumes about the power structure in Division III.

"Clearly, they have both been strong, especially over the past five years—longer for Mount Union," Linfield coach Joseph Smith says. "We all want to be where they are in terms of consistency.

"What separates them is they both have exceptionally deep talent pools. They are able to reload at a high level, while most teams are not that deep. Most programs cannot afford injuries because the numbers are not there like at Mount Union and Whitewater."

For Whitewater coach Lance Leipold, the gap isn't as large as others think.

"Mount Union's 10 championships (since 1993) speak for themselves," Leipold says. "At any level, that is a great run. They have clearly earned the respect and recognition they have received. We've been fortunate over the last five years to maintain a level of consistency too, and that is a tribute to our players and assistant coaches.

"You have to stay grounded and focused because there are many other programs out there that are very capable of beating you and doing the things you've been able to do over the past five years. We see it in our conference every week, and you have excellent programs elsewhere. Division III is highly competitive."

Smith says his and other programs are close to reaching the level of Whitewater and Mount Union. The Wildcats won the championship in 2004, and Smith says his team was within a play or two of getting to the title game last year.

"There are seven or eight teams that are good enough, from a talent standpoint, to win a championship," Smith says. "We think we have a chance if we stay healthy."

Whitewater was the nation's best last year, with its closest challenges being 10-point wins over Linfield in the national semifinals and against Mount Union in the championship game. The Warhawks will be hard to beat again this year.

GAMES TO WATCH

Sept. 18	Delaware Valley at Wesley
Sept. 25	Hardin-Simmons at Mary Hardin-Baylor
Sept. 25	Washington & Jefferson at Thomas More
Sept. 25	Central at Coe
Oct. 2	Ohio Northern at Mount Union
Oct. 2	St. Thomas at Saint John's (Minn.)
Nov. 6	North Central at Wheaton

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Wisconsin-Whitewater has some holes to fill, especially at quarterback and on defense, but there is plenty of talent returning to make the Warhawks the team to beat once again. As Leipold puts it, "we have a chance to be a good football team if we are strong enough mentally to keep taking things a week at a time."

The Warhawks return Levell Coppage, who most consider the best D3 running back in the country. He rushed for 2,107 yards and 35 touchdowns last year. Four offensive linemen—tackles Robbie Ustruck and Grant Murray and guards Mark Gawronski and Matt Weber—return after a dominating performance last season. Also back is wide receiver Aaron Rusch (72 catches) and tight end John Novak.

The only question on offense is at quarterback. Matt Blanchard, a transfer from Northern Michigan, will compete with sophomore Cory Knapp. Ironically, Blanchard's brother, Derek, was a finalist for the Gagliardi Award in 2007 (given to D3's most outstanding player) as an offensive lineman at Mount Union.

Only five starters return on defense, with major rebuilding needed in the secondary. Linebackers Greg Arnold and Sean Fancher will be leaders there.

Don't expect **Mount Union** to go quietly into the night. There's enormous pride in coach Larry Kehres' program. He has a 24-year record of 289-22-3 at Mount Union for a 92.5 winning percentage. The Purple Raiders are 139-5 with six national championships over the last decade.

On paper, it appears a rebuilding year is in store, with only five offensive and four defensive starters returning. However, 20 players on the two-deep roster from last year's championship game are back with plenty of playing experience.

The key offensive weapon is receiver Cecil Shorts III. He caught 100 passes for 1,736 yards and 19 touchdowns last year. Tight end Kyle Miller (21 catches, 353 yards) is a threat in the passing game. On defense, linebacker Sam Kershaw and tackle Lambert Budzinski will be heard from often.

Linfield has become a consistent contender in the national race and appears loaded for another run. Eight defensive starters return, including five all-conference performers from last year. Leading the secondary is safety Drew Fisher (73 tackles, 5 interceptions). Also expect big plays from Paul Nishizaki, Eric Hedin, Kole Krieger and Taylor Skore.

Only five starters are back on offense, but quarterback Aaron Boehme is one of them. Boehme passed for 3,261 yards and 33 touchdowns a year ago. Leading rusher Aaron Williams returns along with receivers Chris Slezak and Buddy Saxon and linemen Aaron Heston and Jordan Barnes.

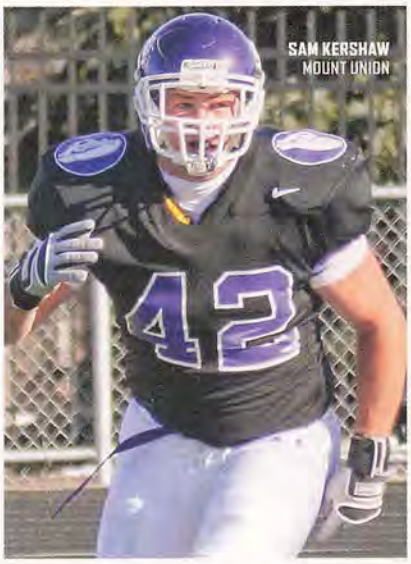
At **Saint John's (Minn.)**, legendary coach John Gagliardi looks to make a deeper run in the playoffs after losing in the first round a year ago. The Johnnies won their conference title for the 31st time last year and have now gone undefeated in the regular season 19 straight times.

Quarterback Joe Boyle is back to guide the offense, and he has help available with six other returning starters. Three of those are offensive linemen, which means running back Jakob Reding and tight end Josh Overman should be free to make big plays. Only four defensive starters return, with linemen Kyle Schroeder and Griffin Hayes and linebacker John Stanton being counted on heavily. Several players with game experience will fill in the gaps, though who will complete the secondary is unknown.

Wesley will again be explosive offensively, as quarterback Shane McSweeny is a double threat. He passed for 2,924 yards and 36 touchdowns and rushed for 718 yards and eight more scores

PRESEASON TOP 25

1. WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER
2. MOUNT UNION
3. LINFIELD
4. SAINT JOHN'S (MINN.)
5. WESLEY
6. MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR
7. DELAWARE VALLEY
8. WITTENBERG
9. CENTRAL
10. ST. THOMAS
11. OHIO NORTHERN
12. THOMAS MORE
13. WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON
14. NORTH CENTRAL
15. JOHNS HOPKINS
16. MONMOUTH (ILL.)
17. HARDIN-SIMMONS
18. COE
19. TRINITY (TEXAS)
20. TRINE
21. WISCONSIN-STOUT
22. HAMPDEN-SYDNEY
23. WABASH
24. CASE WESTERN RESERVE
25. FRANKLIN & MARSHALL



SAM KERSHAW
MOUNT UNION

in 2009. His favorite receiver, Ellis Krout, grabbed 56 passes, including 20 touchdowns. Tight end Sean McAndrew (33 catches, 520 yards, 10 TDs) is also dangerous. The issue on offense is replacing three starting linemen.

The Wolverines' defense also has impact players in safety Aaron Benson (7 INTs), end Chris Mayes (13 sacks) and linebacker Mike Asiedu (96 tackles).

Mary Hardin-Baylor is producing a little tradition of its own, joining Mount Union as the only two teams to win a playoff game in each of the past six seasons. The Cru will return 49 lettermen, including five starters each on both sides of the ball.

Running back Quincy Daniels has earned a medical redshirt based on a 2008 injury and will be hard to handle. Backup Rickie Williams won't be easy to rattle either. The news is even better at quarterback, where Kyle Noack and LiDarral Bailey are both back after sharing time a year ago. They are threats both running and passing. Ervin Johnson is the top returning receiver and center Dustin Davis leads an experienced offensive line. Linebackers Javicz Jones (71 tackles), Jerrad Jefferson and Ben Beckworth will take charge on defense.

Eighteen starters return at **Delaware Valley**, which advanced to the second round of the playoffs last season. And with a tough 2010 nonconference schedule, that experience will be invaluable. Kyle Gesswein (98 tackles, 11 sacks) is one of the nation's best linebackers. He'll lead other big defensive hitters in linebacker Chris James, safety Ryan McCullough and end Garrett Wooters. Quarterback Mark Hatty, who started one game last year and performed brilliantly, holds the key. Offensive tackles Mike Long and Mike Lewis will make

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OFFENSE

- QB **Alex Tanney** MONMOUTH (ILL.) (6-4, 200, SR.)
- RB **Levell Coppage** WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER (5-8, 185, JR.)
- RB **Ben Wartman** ST. THOMAS (6-2, 190, JR.)
- OL **Josh Ostrue** ST. THOMAS (6-4, 285, SR.)
- OL **Matt Weber** WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER (6-3, 285, SR.)
- OL **Dustin Davis** MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR (6-2, 285, SR.)
- OL **Kyle Antos** NORTH CENTRAL (6-2, 230, SR.)
- OL **Koby Parker** HARDIN-SIMMONS (6-3, 290, SR.)
- TE **Sean McAndrew** WESLEY (6-4, 250, SR.)
- WR **Alex Koors** DEPAUW (6-2, 168, SR.)
- WR **Cecil Shorts III** MOUNT UNION (6-2, 200, SR.)
- WR **Michael Zweifel** DUBUQUE (6-1, 190, SR.)
- K **Alex Lachman** JOHNS HOPKINS (6-0, 200, SR.)

DEFENSE

- DL **Will Riggenbach** HAMPDEN-SYDNEY (6-1, 230, SR.)
- DL **Eddie Vallery** WITTENBERG (6-2, 225, SR.)
- DL **Alex Wertheimer** OCCIDENTAL (6-4, 250, SR.)
- DL **Kyle Schroeder** SAINT JOHN'S (MINN.) (6-1, 230, SR.)
- LB **Randy Wright** ELMHURST (6-1, 215, SR.)
- LB **Kyle Gesswein** DELAWARE VALLEY (6-2, 228, SR.)
- LB **Pete Gilliland** MIT (6-0, 200, SR.)
- LB **Sam Kershaw** MOUNT UNION (6-0, 230, SR.)
- DB **Aaron Benson** WESLEY (5-11, 197, SR.)
- DB **Zach Autenrieb** THOMAS MORE (5-10, 185, SO.)
- DB **Billy Doody** HAMPDEN-SYDNEY (6-3, 215, SR.)
- DB **Drew Fisher** LINFIELD (6-2, 190, JR.)
- P **Kyle Trella** TRINITY (TEXAS) (6-0, 165, SO.)

room for tailback Matt Cook (1,312 rushing yards).

Wittenberg is back in the hunt for a national championship and has more wins (689) than any Division III program, along with two national crowns and two runner-up finishes. The Tigers have 13 starters back from a 12-1 squad. The strength will be on the lines. The offensive line, with four starters back, will be a key while a new quarterback gets settled. Tailback Corey Weber will be counted on early as well. On defense, three linemen led by standout Eddie Vallery return, along with linebackers Brad McKinley and Zach Hurtt and safety Seth Parker.

Another solid program with a great tradition is **Central**, which has won 30 Iowa Conference titles, made 20 NCAA playoff appearances since 1973 and has not had a losing season in 50 years. The Dutch, with 15 starters returning, will be a force again. Quarterback Nate Snead passed for 1,264 yards and rushed for 872 more last year while also scoring 32 touchdowns. Jeremy Snead was the team's leading receiver (46 catches for 541 yards). There's plenty of experience on a defense led by linebacker Greg Best and end Shane Wong.

Ben Wartman knows something about delivering a winning season, and he returns after leading **St. Thomas** to its first 11-win campaign and the playoffs for the first time since 1990. He rushed for 1,827 yards and scored 24 times last year. Center Josh Ostrue is one of the best at the position. The Tommies also have a weapon in receiver/return man Fritz Waldvogel (2,321 all-purpose yards), who returned six kickoffs for touchdowns last year.

If there is a slip-up at Mount Union this year, **Ohio Northern** could give the Ohio Athletic Conference a new champion for the first time in 19 seasons. The Polar Bears have been flirting with joining the elite group since Dean Paul took over as coach seven years ago. They have several big-play performers on offense, including quarterback Kyle Simmons (2,224 total yards, 26 TDs), running back Brent Donley (1,104 yards, 16 TDs), and return man J.J. Mihoci (553 return yards). Six starters are back on defense, but help is needed at linebacker.

Thomas More will have one of the nation's best defenses, with eight starters back from an 11-1 campaign. Safety Zach Autenrieb had 50 tackles and nine interceptions last year, and tackle Tyler Owens and linebacker Nick Gramke are also solid defenders. Six starters return on offense.

Washington & Jefferson has posted 26 straight winning seasons and appeared in 21 of the past 25 Division III playoffs. The Presidents are loaded again with 13 returning starters. Safety Craig Sedunov, a transfer from Pittsburgh, had 77 tackles and five interceptions last year. Settling on a quarterback will be the key after Gino Rometo and Steven Shumaker split time a year ago.

North Central has dominated the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin in recent years, and that is expected to continue in 2010. Six defensive starters from last year are back along with two other starters from 2008—linebacker Matt Wenger (137 tackles) and cornerback Derek Sulo—who both received medical hardships. Joe Schneiderbauer and Josh McLeod are the top defenders, while offensive guard Kyle Antos is a leader up front. But the play of running back Nick Kukuc as well as the winner of the quarterback race between Spencer Stanek and Brad Crackel will be crucial to the team's success.

Johns Hopkins tied a school record with 10 wins last year and could do it again this season. The Blue Jays' defensive unit, led by safety Mike Milano (84 tackles), is exceptional, having forced two or more turnovers in each of its 13 games in '09. Sam Eagleson delivers big plays in the secondary and will be a force again this year. Wide receiver Dan Crowley (69 catches) should be a favorite target for quarterback Hewitt Tomlin. Kicker Alex Lachman is also a weapon.

Quarterback Alex Tanney could take **Monmouth (Ill.)** deep into the playoffs this year, as he has passed for more than 10,000 career yards already and led an offense that was second in the nation last year in total yards per game (527.9). His top targets will be Michael Blodgett, Matt Shepherd and Kramer Matzen.

Injuries destroyed **Hardin-Simmons** last year, taking out five of its top players, but the experience gained could be beneficial this season, as 10 offensive and nine defensive starters join their now-healthy teammates. The Cowboys are known for their offensive firepower, but the defense led the way in '09, yielding just 23.7 points per game. Expect the offense to be potent, with quarterback Justin Feaster and slot receiver ZaVious Robbins back from injuries. Feaster threw for 3,023 yards and 31 touchdowns in '08.

Coe has plenty of star talent, including defensive end Frank Weymiller and quarterback Brad Boyle, the Iowa Conference MVP. Boyle broke an NCAA record for most consecutive passes thrown (305) without an interception. He's one of nine starters back on an offense that includes five returning

linemen. The Kohawks must replace three linebackers, but the defensive front is experienced and reliable.

The strongest specialty teams in the country belong to **Trinity (Texas)**, as it boasts All-Americans at punter (Kyle Trella), kicker (Garrett Biel) and return specialist (Caleb Urban). Though depth is not an issue, with 15 starters returning, there is a question at quarterback. Trinity will need to choose a QB from three players who all started at times last year.

Trine will be loaded with eight starters returning on offense and defense from a 10-win team. Also, with 28 seniors on the roster, the Thunder have a wealth of experience. The play of dependable quarterback Eric Watt (2,161 passing yards, 518 rushing) will be noticeable, as he throws the ball to Kent Biller, whose running ability complements the passing game. Aaron Shoemaker, Jake Vance and Aaron Selking are the top defenders.

For **Wisconsin-Stout**, running back Craig Warminski could catapult his team into the spotlight. He rushed for more than 1,000 yards last year, powering a running game that produced 220.7 yards a game. Tyler Butzler is the leader up front and tight end Pat Mengelkoch makes plays on a consistent basis. The Blue Devils will be solid defensively if the secondary can rebuild around Adam Churchill.

Defense is no longer being overlooked at **Hampden-Sydney**, which is trying to repeat a 10-win campaign. Will Riggenbach was the conference's best defensive lineman last year after recording 14.5 sacks, and Bill Doody led the nation with nine interceptions. If either Travis Lane or Scott Cheney delivers at quarterback, the Tigers will be contenders.

Several positions on offense, including quarterback and four spots on the line, must be replaced, but **Wabash** will still be in contention for a conference title and NCAA playoff berth. Two big-play threats on offense are wideouts Kody LeMond and Wes Chamblee. Tailback Derrick Yoder leads the running attack. On defense, tackles JD McClintic and Jake Kolisek top a solid unit.

Case Western Reserve has won 31 straight regular-season games and should be playoff-bound again. The Spartans lose six starters on offense, but receiver Zach Homyk can carry a big load. Still, repeating last year's offensive output will be a challenge. The key defender will be lineman Dale English, who led his team with 15 tackles for loss last season.

The first win this year will be the 565th at **Franklin & Marshall** and could come early on, as plenty of talent and experience return on offense. Tight end Michael Deutch (35 catches, 9 TDs), quarterback John Harrison (3,096 passing yards, 32 TDs) and receiver Jay Ridinger are worth watching. Linebacker Sam Massaro will lead a defense that has seven starters back.

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OTHERS TO WATCH

Wheaton (Ill.) will likely be carried by its defense, which has eight starters with a year of experience in the new 3-4 scheme. Center Nick Biggee is one of five starters back on offense. ... **Mississippi College** advanced to the second round of the playoffs last year and has 16 starters returning, including running back Steven Knight (1,333 rushing yards). ... Look for **Rowan** to rebound after missing the playoffs with a 7-3 record. Seven starters on both sides of the ball return. Defensive end Matt Hoffman and linebacker Jerome Gordon must be leaders until the offense can settle in behind a new quarterback. ... **DePauw** made its first postseason appearance last year and has 18 starters back, including 10 on defense, to lead the way. The new quarterback will have to get the ball to standout receiver Alex Koors (73 catches for 1,266 yards). ... **The Redlands** will have two new coordinators but plenty of experience with 17 starters led by defensive playmaker Mike Nicolini. Also look for a strong kicking game. The return of quarterback Dan Selway and receiver Evan Reuter from injuries is big, but there's no guarantee Selway will be the starting quarterback. ...

Graduation left big holes to be filled at **Albright**, but the good news is the Lions played a lot of underclassmen last year. Alvin Thomas is a standout on defense. ... **Occidental** lost several close games in '09 but plans to reverse the trend. Five of the returnees were all-conference performers, with the top player being defensive lineman Alex Wertheimer. ... **Susquehanna** will play in the Centennial Conference for the first time in 2010, but players such as quarterback Rich Palazzi, cornerback Braden Klingler and linebacker Mitch Phillips should make the Crusaders contenders. ... Quarterback Tim Bailey (2,546 yards, 21 TDs) will boost **St. John Fisher**, and running back Christian Zemaitis is also a key to an offense that averaged 413.8 yards per game a year ago. ... **Augustana** is trying to make it back to the playoffs and has something to build on with 11 starters returning. Quarterback David Lee and receiver Zachary McCullough can provide answers. ...

Don't be surprised if **Ripon** challenges for postseason play with an outstanding defense that has six starters returning with experience, including linebacker Mike Krause. The news is even better on offense with nine starters back, including quarterback Matthew Miller and fullback T.J. Pierce. ... **Dickinson** will be good defensively, but several important offensive holes must be dealt with in a hurry. ... **Pacific Lutheran** has several skilled players back, including receiver Greg Ford and quarterback Jordan Rasmussen. ... **Wisconsin-LaCrosse** has a chance to rebound with 12 starters returning. Quarterback Nick Anker is being counted on to lead the team. He must get the ball to receivers Alex Maxinoski and Travis Bordeau.

NAIA PREVIEW

TOP 10

1 → Sioux Falls (S.D.)
2 → Lindenwood (Mo.)
3 → Carroll (Mont.)
4 → Saint Xavier (Ill.)
5 → Morningside (Iowa)
6 → MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)
7 → Cumberlands (Ky.)
8 → Missouri Valley
9 → McKendree (Ill.)
10 → Saint Francis (Ind.)

No limit to points Sioux Falls will put up in NAIA swan song

By WILL LONG, *Editorial Intern*

Last season's NAIA championship game had a familiar ending. Sioux Falls claimed a second straight national title with a 25-22 victory over Lindenwood. The win gave the Cougars their third championship in four years.

Opposing coaches may be able to breathe easier in 2011, when Sioux Falls makes the jump up to NCAA Division II. Until then, the South Dakota powerhouse remains eligible for the NAIA championship.

This year, Sioux Falls is again the favorite, but Lindenwood and Carroll have their sights set on dethroning the Cougars.

Sioux Falls got about as close to perfection as possible in 2009 with the NAIA's top defense and an offense that averaged 51.7 points a game.

For the Cougars to defend their title, they must replace NAIA Player of the Year Lorenzo Brown at quarterback and coach Kalen DeBoer, who left to become offensive coordinator at Southern Illinois.

New coach Jed Stugart, who arrives after a stint as linebackers coach at UNLV, will rely on running back Kristian Porter and wide receiver Jon Ryan to spearhead the offense. Linebacker Dominic Studzinski (8.5 sacks) and end Brandon Koolstra (6.5) will lead the defense.

Coming off its first title game appearance, **Lindenwood** (Mo.) has its sights set on a return trip to the big dance in Rome, Ga. Led by quarterback Philip Staback and running back Denodus O'Bryant, the Lions may have the best offensive backfield in the country. Linebacker Parks Peterson, the team's top returning tackler, will lead the defense.

Carroll (Mont.) captured its 10th straight Frontier Conference championship in 2009. This year, the Saints will rely on preseason All-America linebacker Thomas Dolan and safety Brian Strobel. Quarterback Gary Wagner also returns after throwing 27 touchdowns last season.

Last year was a season of firsts for **Saint Xavier** (Ill.). The Cougars wrapped up their first perfect regular season and the Mid-States Football Association championship. Quarterback Anthony Kropp (4,425 passing yards, 43 TDs) and running back Donnie Selby (777 rushing yards, 13 TDs) return on offense, but the defense must replace linebacker Mike Lally, who registered 25 tackles for loss in 2009.

Coach Steve Ryan and the **Morningside** (Iowa) Mustangs will rely on a defense that returns eight starters, led by linebacker Marshall Tuttle. However, the offense must replace All-America running back Jake Peterson and wideout Beau Kildow.

MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) returns the starting backfield of an offense that averaged 41.9 points per game last year. All-America linebacker Jake Duren (96 tackles) leads the Pioneers' defense.

Cumberlands (Ky.) returns 10 offensive and seven defensive starters from a 9-2 team. Quarterback Jay Bright brings a dual-threat option, while linemen Corey Maddox and Anthony Woods anchor the defense.

Missouri Valley returns its top five tacklers from a defense that allowed only 16 points and a nation-leading 48.9 rushing yards per game last season. The combination of quarterback Chris White and receiver Darrell Madry will spark the Vikings' offense.

Returning linebacker Brandon Nigro, the team's top tackler in 2009, will give **McKendree** (Ill.) solid leadership on a defense that allowed just 15.1 points per game. The Bearcats must replace running back Joe Beimfohr.

Saint Francis (Ind.) loses tailback Daniel Carter from the nation's fifth-best rushing attack. Coach Kevin Donley must also replace the graduated Stephen Whited (8 sacks).

TOP RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS FROM 2009

OFFENSE

PASSING	YR	G	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD	INT	RATING
Lorenzo Brown, Sioux Falls (S.D.)	SR	15	319	217	3221	40	6	190.5
Philip Staback, Lindenwood (Mo.)	JR	14	351	237	3381	36	6	178.9
Tyler Herl, MidAmerica Nazarene	SO	12	315	190	2984	35	9	170.8

RUSHING	YR	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Jake Peterson, Morningside (Iowa)	SR	12	229	1624	7.1	19	135.3
A.J. Cooley, Shorter (Ga.)	SR	11	227	1429	6.3	17	129.9
Ryan Lowmiller, Sioux Falls (S.D.)	SR	15	211	1483	7.0	21	98.9

RECEPTIONS	YR	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/G
Levi Sutton, Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	SO	11	107	1212	2	9.7
Brian Guisti, Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	SR	11	94	1161	13	8.5
Clarence Anderson, Ottawa (Kan.)	SO	12	94	1699	21	7.8
Mike Maher, Saint Xavier (Ill.)	JR	14	105	1338	15	7.5

SCORING	YR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Aaron Lafitte, McPherson (Kan.)	JR	11	23	0	0	140	12.7
Denodus O'Bryant, Lindenwood (Mo.)	FR	12	24	0	0	144	12.0
Jake Peterson, Morningside (Iowa)	SR	12	23	0	0	138	11.5

DEFENSE

TACKLES	YR	G	SOLO	AST	TOTAL
Sean Thom, Faulkner (Ala.)	SR	11	48	94	142
Jared Hudgins, SW Assem. of God (Texas)	JR	10	76	65	141
Chad Schira, Montana Western	SR	10	56	79	135

SACKS	YR	G	NO	YDS
Chris White, Marian (Ind.)	SR	11	11.5	74
Stephan Burns, Montana Tech	JR	11	11.5	62
Blake Ridgeway, Southwestern (Kan.)	SR	10	11.0	64
Dexter Davis, Friends (Kan.)	FR	10	11.0	70

INTERCEPTIONS	YR	G	NO	YDS	TD	INT/G
Quinn Cunningham, Friends (Kan.)	SR	10	8	87	1	0.8
Max Virus, Peru State (Neb.)	SO	11	7	124	2	0.6
Trevor Holleman, Sioux Falls (S.D.)	SR	15	7	144	1	0.5

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OFFENSE

QB **Philip Staback** (6-1, 193, Sr.) Lindenwood (Mo.)
RB **Denodus O'Bryant** (5-9, 188, So.) Lindenwood (Mo.)
RB **Nate Guillory** (5-10, 195, Sr.) Northwestern Okla. State
OL **Quinton Borders** (6-6, 320, Sr.) Union (Ky.)
OL **Nick Newborn** (6-0, 305, Jr.) Shorter (Ga.)
OL **Kyle Pettit** (6-3, 290, Jr.) Georgetown College (Ky.)
OL **Brendan Carragher** (6-1, 259, Sr.) St. Francis (Ill.)
OL **Justin Norman** (6-4, 260, Sr.) Cumberlands (Ky.)
TE **Byron Gettis** (6-3, 265, Sr.) McKendree (Ill.)
WR **Clarence Anderson** (5-9, 150, Jr.) Ottawa (Kan.)
WR **Jon Ryan** (6-4, 200, Sr.) Sioux Falls (S.D.)
K **Braden Wieking** (6-0, 195, So.) Sioux Falls (S.D.)

DEFENSE

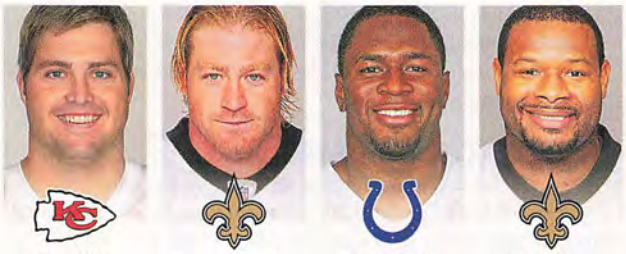
DL **Wacey Coleman** (6-2, 240, Sr.) Black Hills State (N.D.)
DL **Dale Woods** (6-2, 250, Sr.) William Penn (Iowa)
DL **Stephan Burns** (6-2, 242, Sr.) Montana Tech
DL **Matt Fraley** (5-11, 245, Sr.) Central Methodist (Mo.)
LB **Jared Hudgins** (6-2, 210, Sr.) SW Assem. of God (Texas)
LB **Thomas Dolan** (6-3, 225, Sr.) Carroll (Mont.)
LB **Jake Duren** (6-1, 225, Sr.) MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)
DB **Derion Williams** (6-2, 176, Jr.) Dickinson State (N.D.)
DB **Pat Geary** (5-10, 175, Sr.) Saint Xavier (Ill.)
DB **Max Virus** (6-2, 200, Jr.) Peru State (Neb.)
DB **Nick Ekanem** (5-9, 190, So.) SW Assem. of God (Texas)
P **Brian Nickel** (6-1, 196, So.) Montana Tech

JUNIOR COLLEGE REPORT

Maturation point

Primed and ready, junior college players are becoming gems at FBS programs and in the NFL.

By Tony Jimenez
Topeka (Kan.) Capital-Journal



Ryan Lilja Coffeyville (Kan.) CC | **Jeremy Shockey** NE Oklahoma A&M | **Kelvin Hayden** Joliet JC | **Paul Spicer** DuPage

Former Coffeyville (Kan.) CC coach Skip Foster remembers Ryan Lilja well. Coming out of Shawnee Mission (Kan.) Northwest High 10 years ago, Foster was "as sure as Sears" that the undersized offensive lineman would be an outstanding player in time.

Foster and Jeff Leiker, who coached Lilja in 2000 and 2001, respectively, in the Kansas Jayhawk Conference, saw unending upside to Lilja's game. He had excellent feet, good body control, strength and solid instincts.

Lilja, now with the Kansas City Chiefs, is not the only former junior college athlete to make it to the NFL. In Super Bowl 44, there were 10 former two-year-school players on either the Indianapolis or New Orleans roster. And each of these players honed his skills in obscure small towns scattered around the U.S. amid little fanfare and even less publicity.

"Whether it's to improve your physical or academic skills, junior colleges are vital to the overall college landscape," Foster says. "I know Ryan's proud of his accomplishments and the way he made it to the NFL. He greatly developed his technique and got better by playing against high-caliber athletes in the Jayhawk Conference. I know he's glad he went to Coffeyville before going to Kansas State (known for tapping the junior college circuit) and then the pros. He was a good player when he got here, but he left juco a much better player."

While New Orleans tight end Jeremy Shockey (NE Oklahoma A&M/Miami, Fla.) and Colts cornerback Kelvin Hayden (Joliet JC/Illinois) played at four-year schools after their junior college years, Saints defensive end Paul Spicer (DuPage) went to NCAA Division II Saginaw Valley State in Michigan. But all paid their dues to get to the Super Bowl.

"In his freshman year, Paul had very average strength, but his motor skills were above average and he had a very strong work ethic," says Bob MacDougall, who coached Spicer at DuPage (1994-95) and Hayden at Joliet (2001-02) during his many seasons in the Illinois juco ranks. "Paul was always in the weight room and a leader in the offseason program, and the other players followed his lead. I'm not surprised he's in the NFL. The Super Bowl experience is something you can't forget. Paul has often said if it were not for DuPage he would not be where he is today.

"Kelvin (Hayden) was a captain at Illinois, which says a lot. To stay on top of your game today, it takes 12 months a year of work, and Kelvin knew that. When our offseason began he was usually the first one to arrive and the last to leave. He was never satisfied being average."

Whatever the case, Leiker, now the athletic director at Coffeyville, says a Super Bowl player's background doesn't matter; they all feel fortunate to be there. Junior college players just started in a different place than many NFL athletes, he says.

"Junior college athletics allow student-athletes a chance to grow and mature while getting a chance to play their sport," Leiker says. "Every junior college across the county has success stories like Ryan's. The opportunities at jucos across the country are underappreciated."

TOP 10

1	Fort Scott (Kan.) CC
2	Butte CC (Calif.)
3	Blinn College (Texas)
4	College of San Mateo (Calif.)
5	Butler (Kan.) CC
6	Navarro College (Texas)
7	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
8	Snow College (Utah)
9	City College of San Francisco
10	Cerritos (Calif.) College

1 FORT SCOTT (KAN.) CC (11-1 in 2009)

Since coach Jeff Sims arrived in 2007, the Greyhounds have gone from 7-23 in the three seasons before Sims to 29-6 during the coach's three-year tenure. The team peaked last year when it finished just short of an undefeated season, falling in the NJCAA championship game to Blinn College in Texas, 31-26. The two teams will battle again in Blinn's 2010 home opener Aug. 28. Sophomore defensive end Frank Bryant and sophomore offensive lineman Jeff Johnson will highlight the Fort Scott front lines. The defense is likely to be more ahead of the offense early in the campaign, but things should balance out for Sims in time for the postseason.

2 BUTTE CC (CALIF.) (8-3)

Butte will be in the hunt for a national championship with its 50 returnees and a handful of talented redshirt freshmen led by defensive backs Kedron Paul and Kris Waters. All-America offensive tackle Brady Lisoski and center Darin Gooch, along with defensive lineman Steven Hoffart and return specialist/wide receiver Rashad Ross (4 returns for TDs), are the keys to title contention. And though 11 starters return, quarterback is a question mark. Having produced standouts such as Aaron Rodgers (Green Bay Packers), Brett Ratliff (Cleveland Browns) and Jordan Rodgers (Vanderbilt) in the past, coach Jeff Jordan should have no trouble finding a star under center.

3 BLINN COLLEGE (TEXAS) (11-1)

Thanks to good recruiting and intense play in the rugged Southwest Conference, the defending NJCAA champion is always in the national title hunt. With a handful of starters returning on offense and six on defense, Blinn won't roll over anytime soon. The Buccaneers center their hopes on a trio of players: wide receiver Darrin Moore, linebacker Dextrell Simmons and quarterback Justin Tuggle, a transfer from Boston College. Others to watch include linebacker Princeton Jackson, defensive tackle Jeremy Williams, defensive back Kip Dailey, wide receiver Sean Rutherford and center Sean Robertson. The linebacker situation will be strong and deep, but the offensive line could be suspect with only two returning starters.

JEFF JOHNSON
FORT SCOTT (KAN.) CC

SEAN RUTHERFORD
BLINN COLLEGE (TEXAS)

4 COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO (CALIF.) (10-2)

San Mateo has a nice opening line when it comes to recruiting: Its alumni include John Madden, Dick Vermeil and Bill Walsh, who have a combined five Super Bowl rings as coaches. The Bulldogs' play on the field is big-time, too. A year ago, San Mateo lost in the California juco title game to Mount San Antonio 7-6. Led by wideout Rahsaan Vaughn and lineman Jeremy Galten, nine starters return to an offense that averaged 473 yards per game last year. The defense, paced by cornerback Dwaine Simpson, will more than hold its own in the NorCal Conference.

5 BUTLER (KAN.) CC (8-3)

There was an unspoken queasiness in El Dorado during the offseason after the Grizzlies missed their first bowl game in 11 years. Coach Troy Morrell has amassed a 104-14 record with two perfect seasons (2003, '07) in his 10-year tenure. In 2009, however, his Grizzlies lost all three of their games (all on the road) by a combined 12 points to the two teams in the NJCAA title game (Blinn and twice to Fort Scott). The three setbacks were the most Butler had posted in the last three seasons combined. The Grizzlies will respond in 2010 behind Cornelius Carradine, a vicious-hitting defensive end, and wide receiver Marcus Kennard, who averaged 19.3 yards per catch as a freshman. Look for a big bounce back.

6 NAVARRO COLLEGE (TEXAS) (11-1)

What are they feeding the players in Corsicana? The basketball team placed fourth in last March's NJCAA tournament and the football squad was No. 3 in last year's final NJCAA poll. Those teams are consistently among the best in the junior college ranks. The football Bulldogs have a 29-5 record over the last three seasons and defeated Mississippi Gulf Coast CC 37-26 in the C.H.A.M.P.S. Heart of Texas Bowl in 2009. Despite losing six defensive linemen who contributed heavily, Navarro is again formidable. The Bulldogs' dozen returning starters include defensive end Toby Jackson and offensive guard Daniel Campbell.

7 MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST CC (9-3)

Former nose tackles Terrence Cody (Alabama), Sean Merrill (Southern Miss) and James Carmon (Mississippi

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State) have all put an exclamation point behind Gulf Coast's name by demonstrating their abilities at the FBS level. Now comes John Jenkins, who looks to be cut from the same cloth. He is one of a handful of returning defensive starters. But the Bulldogs' strongest point should be on the offensive line, where returning tackles Andy Nations and Jeremy Graffree and tight end Kennedy Helms head up one of the strongest unit in the country. Big things are expected from Ole Miss transfer Clayton Moore at quarterback, but coach Steve Campbell usually does well with whatever he's given. So expect to see Gulf Coast in another bowl game, as it has been in four of the last five seasons.

8 SNOW COLLEGE (UTAH) (10-2)

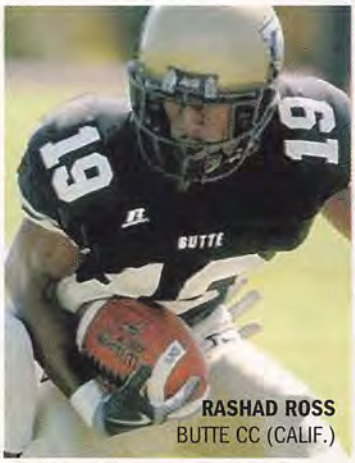
After finishing among the top five in the NJCAA in the last four seasons, the beat just keeps on going in Ephriam. With a nice recruiting class, 10 returning starters (4 on offense, 6 on defense) and up to 20 players returning from Mormon missions—including center Mark Pratt, defensive back Braden Frampton and defensive end Nate Pope—talent abounds. The defensive line will be strong again, thanks to end Tenny Palepoi. Defensive back Preston Hadley will help out on defense as well, along with punter Chad Isom (40.2-yard average as a freshman). Snow always seems to produce quality tight ends—the Green Bay Packers' Devin Frischknecht is an alumnus—and much is expected from new sensation Drew Robinson. Coach Steve Coburn's record at Snow (43-5) rates among the best in the juco ranks over the last four seasons.

9 CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO (10-1)

As a defensive back at CCSF in 1966, coach George Rush was a decent player, and he has passed the test of time as a good coach with the winningest record in school history (274-85 in 33 seasons). In 2010, expect Rush to lead the Rams to one of their best campaigns. Led by David Garness, the offensive line returns three starters. Defensively, expect big seasons from linebacker Sua Tuala, defensive tackle Je'Marcus Williams and defensive backs Nigel Malone and DeShon Marman.

10 CERRITOS (CALIF.) COLLEGE (9-2)

Frank Mazzotta may never surpass former Cerritos players Joe Gibbs and Jim Zorn in coaching fame, but he's taken almost half of his teams to bowl games during more than 32 years as head coach. Expect that success to continue. Aside from the 12 starters back on offense and defense, there are 65 players on the roster and 25 redshirt freshmen now hungry for playing time. Leading the charge will be offensive tackle Fou Fonoti, who started all 11 games in 2009 and seems destined for the NFL, and safety Keith McGill, who returned two interceptions for 100-yard touchdowns as a freshman. This group should be good on both lines. The biggest question mark looms at quarterback.



RASHAD ROSS
BUTTE CC (CALIF.)

COURTESY BUTTE COLLEGE SPORTS INFORMATION

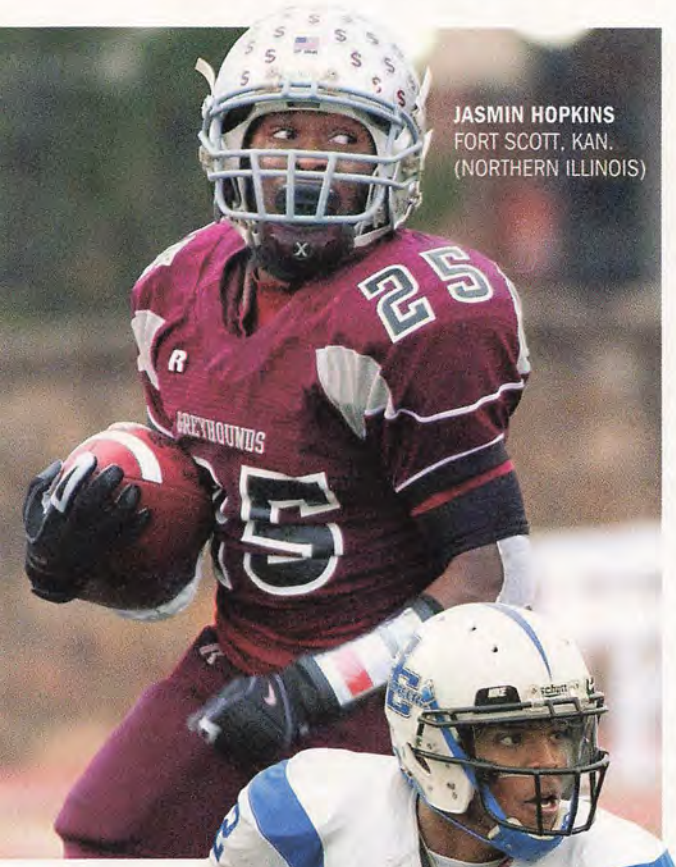
SUPER SOPHOMORES

OFFENSE	POS	HT	WT	JUNIOR COLLEGE
Justin Tuggle	QB	6-3	225	Blinn, Texas
Reggie Bullock	RB	5-8	180	Arizona Western
Joey DeMartino	RB	5-11	190	Grossmont, Calif.
Fou Fonoti	OL	6-5	305	Cerritos, Calif.
David Garness	OL	6-4	285	City College of San Francisco
Dion Howze	OL	6-7	305	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Brady Lisoski	OL	6-4	330	Butte, Calif.
Andy Nations	OL	6-7	335	Mississippi Gulf Coast
Jason Peacock	OL	6-5	310	Citrus, Calif.
Drew Robinson	TE	6-5	250	Snow, Utah
Marcus Kennard	WR	6-4	205	Butler, Kan.
Rahsaan Vaughn	WR	6-3	195	San Mateo, Calif.
DEFENSE	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**JUNIOR COLLEGE**
Frank Bryant	DL	6-5	250	Fort Scott, Kan.
Cornelius Carradine	DL	6-5	255	Butler, Kan.
Toby Jackson	DL	6-5	265	Navarro, Texas
Jessie Williams	DL	6-4	320	Arizona Western
Terran Buck	LB	6-2	237	DuPage, Ill.
Joshua Francis	LB	6-1	214	Lackawanna, Pa.
Sean Kurtz	LB	6-0	235	Santa Ana, Calif.
Dextrell Simmons	LB	6-0	205	Blinn, Texas
Kevin Frank	DB	6-0	190	Sierra, Calif.
Aaron Garbutt	DB	6-2	195	Fullerton, Calif.
Maurice Hood	DB	5-11	190	Tyler, Texas
Nigel Malone	DB	5-10	185	City College of San Francisco
SPECIALISTS	**POS**	**HT**	**WT**	**JUNIOR COLLEGE**
Josh Gallington	K	5-11	185	Bakersfield, Calif.
Ian Campbell	P	5-10	165	Mount San Antonio, Calif.
Rashad Ross	RS	6-1	180	Butte, Calif.
Jon White	RS	5-9	190	L.A. Harbor, Calif.

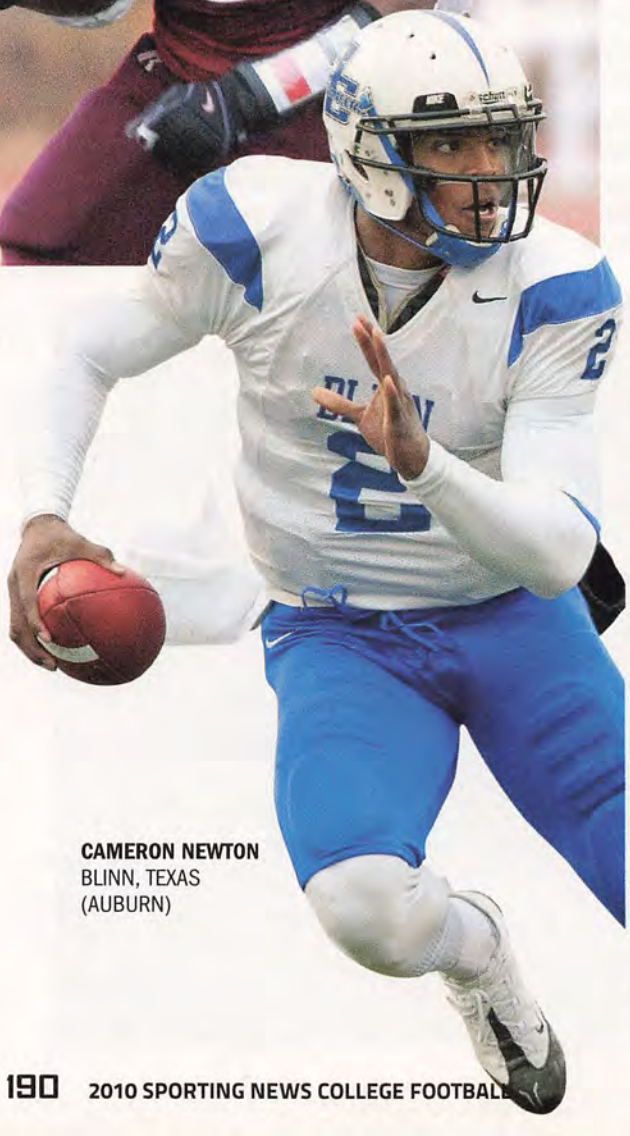
BEST OF THE REST

11	Arizona Western College, 9-2
12	Mount San Antonio College (Calif.), 13-1
13	Grand Rapids (Mich.) CC, 9-2
14	Fullerton (Calif.) CC, 10-2
15	Tyler (Texas) JC, 7-3
16	College of the Canyons (Calif.), 6-5
17	East Mississippi CC, 11-1
18	Grossmont (Calif.) CC, 8-3
19	Ellsworth CC (Iowa), 8-3
20	Fresno (Calif.) City College, 7-4
21	Georgia Military College, 6-4
22	El Camino CC (Calif.), 8-3
23	Bakersfield (Calif.) College, 10-2
24	Saddleback CC (Calif.), 9-2
25t	Lackawanna College (Pa.), 5-4
25t	Foothill College (Calif.), 8-3

TOP JUCOS MOVING ON



JASMIN HOPKINS
FORT SCOTT, KAN.
(NORTHERN ILLINOIS)



CAMERON NEWTON
BLINN, TEXAS
(AUBURN)

OFFENSE	POS	HT	WT	JUNIOR COLLEGE (2010 SCHOOL)
Cameron Newton	QB	6-6	245	Blinn, Texas (Auburn)
Vick Ballard	RB	5-11	205	Mississippi Gulf Coast (Mississippi State)
Jasmin Hopkins	RB	5-9	185	Fort Scott, Kan. (Northern Illinois)
Debrale Smiley	RB	6-0	240	Itawamba, Miss. (Florida State)
John Cullen	OL	6-6	280	Fullerton, Calif. (Utah)
Roszell Gayden	OL	6-7	310	College of the Sequoias, Calif. (Auburn)
Jermarcus Hardrick	OL	6-7	320	Fort Scott, Kan. (Nebraska)
Lamar Holmes	OL	6-6	330	Itawamba, Miss. (Southern Miss)
Brice Schwab	OL	6-8	320	Palomar, Calif. (Arizona State)
Brandon Mosley	TE	6-6	280	Coffeyville, Kan. (Auburn)
Kenbrell Thompkins	WR	6-3	200	El Camino, Calif. (Cincinnati)

DEFENSE	POS	HT	WT	JUNIOR COLLEGE (2010 SCHOOL)
Wayne Dorsey	DL	6-8	260	Mississippi Gulf Coast (Ole Miss)
Bruce Irvin	DL	6-4	230	Mount San Antonio, Calif. (West Virginia)
Jonathan Mathis	DL	6-3	295	Blinn, Texas (Texas A&M)
Scott Smith	DL	6-7	274	Butler, Kan. (Texas Tech)
Lavonte David	LB	6-2	215	Fort Scott, Kan. (Nebraska)
Derek Earls	LB	6-3	235	North Dakota State College of Science (Arizona)
Glen Stanley	LB	6-2	240	Eastern Arizona (USC)
Jakar Hamilton	DB	6-2	195	Georgia Military (Georgia)
Mike Harris	DB	6-0	185	El Camino, Calif. (Florida State)
Dequan Menzie	DB	6-0	180	Copiah-Lincoln, Miss. (Alabama)
Malcolm Murray	DB	6-2	210	Mount San Antonio, Calif. (Oklahoma State)

SPECIALISTS	POS	HT	WT	JUNIOR COLLEGE (2010 SCHOOL)
Mike Kusnierz	K	5-11	221	Rochester, Minn. (Northern Iowa)
Jared Jaroszewski	P	6-2	205	Blinn, Texas (Texas A&M)*
Mazi Ogbonna	RS	6-1	190	Snow, Utah (Wyoming)
Rod Streater	RS	6-4	200	Alfred State, N.Y. (Temple)

OTHERS	POS	HT	WT	JUNIOR COLLEGE (2010 SCHOOL)
Ken Adams	TE	6-5	240	Copiah-Lincoln, Miss. (LSU)
Chris Anderson	RB	5-10	193	Hutchinson, Kan. (Auburn)*
George Bell	WR	6-3	200	Southwestern, Calif. (Arizona State)
Kelvin Bolden	ATH	6-0	170	Mississippi Gulf Coast (Southern Miss)
Joel Bonomolo	DE	6-3	250	Fullerton, Calif. (Auburn)
Javonta Boyd	DT	6-4	305	Butler, Kan. (Kansas State)
John Brown	DT	6-2	285	Northeast Mississippi (Tennessee)
Ryan Clanton	OL	6-5	305	San Francisco, Calif. (Oregon)
Dave Clark	DB	6-2	190	Independence, Kan. (Tennessee)
Tyrone Crawford	DE	6-5	260	Bakersfield, Calif. (Boise State)
Adam Davis	DE	6-1	250	Hutchinson, Kan. (Kansas State)
Eddie Elder	DB	5-11	190	San Mateo, Calif. (Arizona State)
Chase Ford	TE	6-5	250	Kilgore, Texas (Miami)
Toquavius Gilchrist	LB	6-2	230	Butler, Kan. (South Carolina)
Brad Graham	LB	6-1	210	Navarro, Texas (North Texas)
Mike Hayes	RB	5-9	195	Blinn, Texas (South Florida)
Trulon Henry	DB	6-1	225	DuPage, Ill. (Illinois)
Jeff Howie	OT	6-4	330	Itawamba, Miss. (Mississippi State)
Damien Jackson	DB	6-3	200	Mississippi Gulf Coast (Ole Miss)
Marquis Jackson	DE	6-4	240	College of the Canyons, Calif. (USC)
Perry Jackson	DE	6-2	250	Sierra, Calif. (San Diego State)
Ray Kibble	DT	6-4	315	Navarro, Texas (Kansas State)
Donald Langley	DT	6-2	290	Copiah-Lincoln, Miss. (Texas Tech)
Brandon Lewis	DT	6-3	275	East Mississippi (Alabama)
Chris Lewis	CB	6-0	185	Citrus, Calif. (Minnesota)
Star Lotulelei	DE	6-4	295	Snow, Utah (Utah)
Randall Mackey	QB	6-0	195	East Mississippi (Ole Miss)
David Mahoney	DT	6-2	285	Pierce, Calif. (New Mexico State)
Anthony McCloud	DT	6-3	295	Itawamba, Miss. (Florida State)
Quinn Mecham	QB	6-2	200	Snow, Utah (Kansas)
Willie Mobley	DT	6-2	275	Orange Coast, Calif. (Arizona)
Mikel Overgaard	OT	6-5	270	Snow, Utah (N.C. State)
Dexter Ransom	WR	6-4	220	Blinn, Texas (Arizona)
Jordan Rodgers	QB	6-2	210	Butte, Calif. (Vanderbilt)
Matt Simms	QB	6-3	185	El Camino, Calif. (Tennessee)
Matangi Tonga	DT	6-2	290	San Mateo, Calif. (Houston)
Kenronte Walker	DB	6-1	210	City College of San Francisco (Missouri)
Brandon Williams	TE	6-4	240	Joliet, Ill. (Oregon)
Chad Winbush	RB	6-0	200	Trinity Valley, Texas (UAB)
Anthony Young	DB	5-10	180	Palomar, Calif. (Iowa State)

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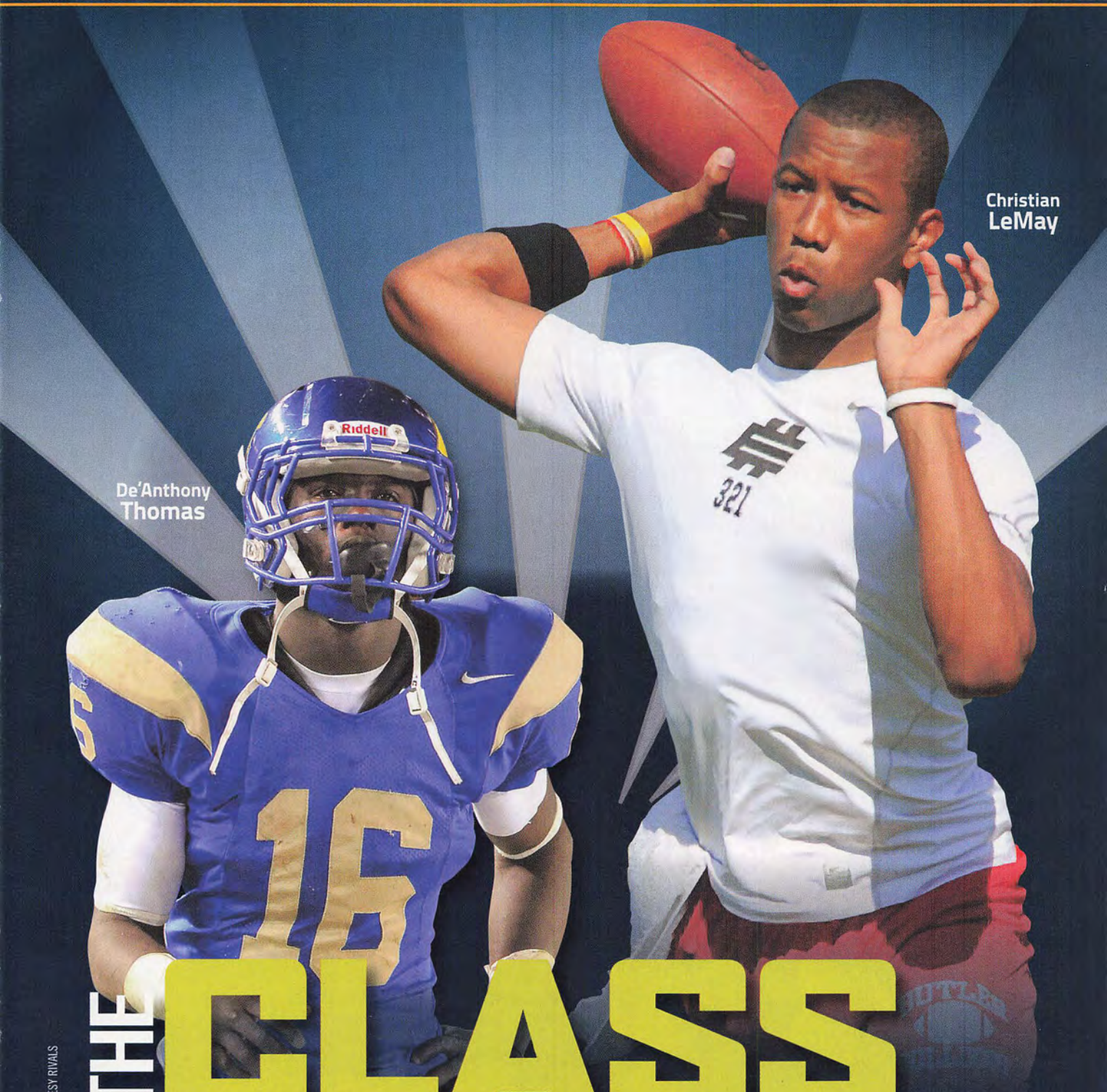

THE CLASS OF 2011

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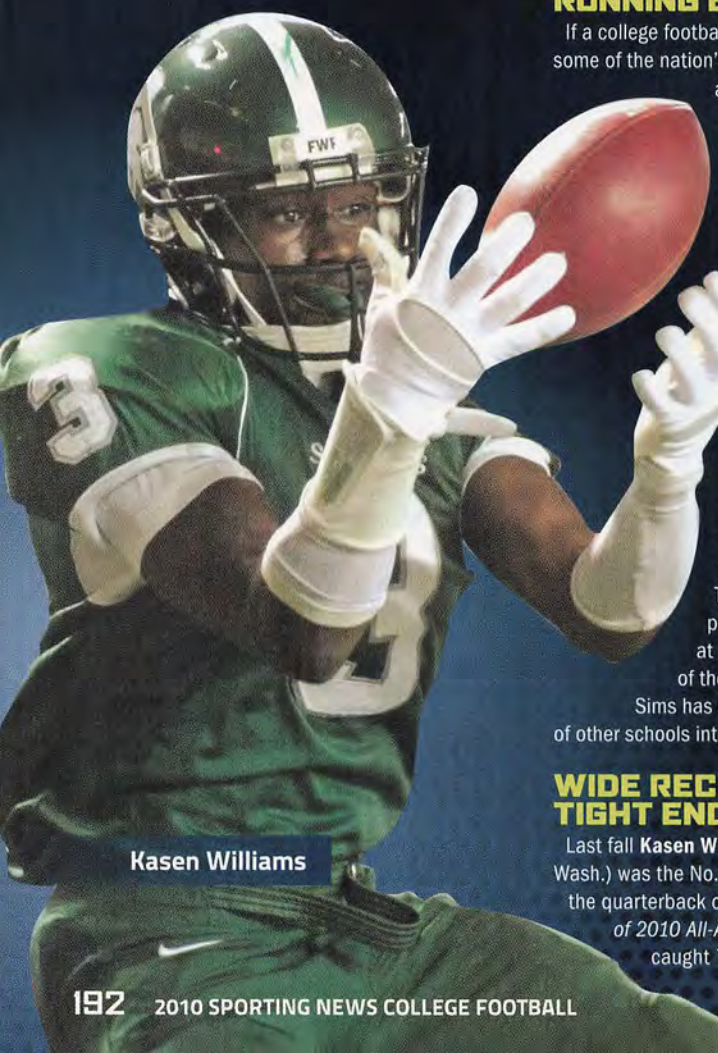
Highly efficient QB LeMay leads bumper crop of prospects

By Brian McLaughlin, *Sporting News*

Flash forward to the 2014 college football season. If it was possible for one college football program to somehow horde the entire *Sporting News* preseason high school All-America Team, that squad would probably be in national title contention around the time that campaign rolls around.

Or at least we'd like to think so.

Below is the cream of the high school crop for the class of 2011—the athletes we'll be watching win championships and awards while also pursuing the dream of playing in the NFL. Check back in a couple years and see how we did.



Kasen Williams

QUARTERBACKS

This year's crop of quarterbacks seems to be deeper than last year's group. Heading up the list is Matthews (N.C.) native **Christian LeMay**, a proven leader whose play has helped his Butler High program challenge national powerhouse Independence (Charlotte, N.C.) for area supremacy. LeMay threw for 3,296 yards and an eye-popping 44 touchdowns last year, with only two interceptions. He considered Florida, Alabama, Notre Dame, Clemson and Texas A&M before committing to Georgia on April 30. **Teddy Bridgewater** (Miami), **Braxton Miller** (Huber Heights, Ohio), **J.W. Walsh** (Denton, Texas) and **Max Wittek** (Santa Ana, Calif.) are a few of the other top signal-callers in the class.

RUNNING BACKS

If a college football program wanted to hog some of the nation's top running backs, there's a top duo to corral. At one spot is lightning-quick **De'Anthony Thomas** of Los Angeles. He averaged 11.1 yards per carry last fall, scoring 15 touchdowns. Thomas is also a talented return man and defensive back. Over in Abilene (Texas) is Thomas' mythical backfield mate, **Herschel Sims**. He rushed for 2,260 yards and scored 32 touchdowns last year in one of the toughest football-playing states in the nation. Thomas seems destined to play in the Pac-10—possibly at USC or Cal—though the rest of the country is chasing him. Sims has Oklahoma, USC and a slew of other schools interested.

WIDE RECEIVERS/ TIGHT ENDS

Last fall **Kasen Williams** (Sammamish, Wash.) was the No. 1 receiver for Jake Heaps, the quarterback on *Sporting News' Class of 2010 All-America Team*. Williams caught 74 passes for 1,209 yards and 20 touchdowns. He is the son of former Washington player Aaron Williams and swears that he's wide open on his college choice. Vernon Hills (Ill.) passing target **Davaris Daniels** also has a strong football pedigree, being the son of veteran Washington Redskins defensive end Phillip Daniels. The younger Daniels caught 13 touchdowns last year, and Notre Dame is one of many schools he's considering. Tight end **Ray Hamilton** (Strongsville, Ohio) is being chased by Notre Dame, Oklahoma and Michigan, among others.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

La'El Collins didn't need much time to decide he wanted to play for hometown LSU, committing early last fall. The Baton Rouge, La., native has great feet, a powerful presence and is an outstanding pass protector. Joining Collins on the line are **Brey Cook** (Springdale, Ark.), **Garrett Greenlea** (Klein, Texas), **Conor Hanratty** (New Canaan, Conn.) and **Cyrus Kouandjio** (Hyattsville, Md.). Greenlea is already committed to Texas, while Cook has schools such as Arkansas and Oklahoma pursuing him. Hanratty is the son of former Notre Dame and Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Terry Hanratty. Kouandjio could go anywhere, though Penn State and Pitt would love to see him stay closer to home.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The end position is loaded this year, and leading the way are **Ray Drew** (Thomasville, Ga.) and **Jadeveon Clowney** (Rock Hill, S.C.). Drew, who grew up a Florida State fan, is being heavily pursued by nearly all of the SEC and ACC schools. Clowney is right up the road in South Carolina and could be swayed by coach Steve Spurrier and the Gamecocks before all is said and done. Clowney's 23 sacks and 29 quarterback pressures last fall have attracted attention. Defensive tackles **Timmy Jernigan** (Lake City, Fla.) and **Kevin McReynolds** (Washington, D.C.) also have dozens of options. Jernigan would be tough to steal away from the in-state powers at Florida, while McReynolds has everybody from USC to Ohio State trying to get his commitment.

LINEBACKERS

All four of this year's linebackers have the potential to be tackling machines at an elite BCS school within a few years. Alabama commitment **Brent Calloway** (Russellville, Ala.) rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a sophomore last year, showing his versatility. But he'll likely play outside linebacker in college. Michigan State commitment **Lawrence Thomas** (Detroit) could have played for anyone in the country but decided to stay close to home. **Stephone Anthony** (Wadesboro, N.C.) has intercepted 11 passes over the past two seasons, showing his playmaking ability. North

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Carolina and N.C. State would hate to see him leave the state. **Curtis Grant** (Richmond, Va.) could pick schools such as Alabama, Florida, USC or LSU, or he may choose to stay closer to home.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Wayne Lyons (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) is having a hard time keeping up with the more than 40 scholarship offers he's received. The safety, who had 21 tackles for loss as a junior, could stay in the state with schools such as Florida or Florida State, but others from every other corner of the country have made offers. Speedy cornerback **Doran Grant** (Akron, Ohio) would make several Big Ten schools happy if he picked them, especially Ohio State. Safety **Sheroid Evans** (Sugar Land, Texas) is versatile enough to play cornerback or safety for Texas, where he has committed.

ATHLETES

James Wilder Jr. and **Devon Blackmon** have one thing in common: They could dominate college football at multiple positions. Wilder (Tampa, Fla.) will likely play linebacker in college, a position at which he racked up 19 sacks last fall. But his hard-nosed running style also produced 1,004 yards and 15 touchdowns on the ground. Blackmon (Fontana, Calif.) is the more elusive of the duo, having played some at quarterback and as a return man in high school, but he'll likely play wide receiver in college. Blackmon likes the Pac-10 and is being courted by all of the conference's powers. Wilder, the son of former NFL Pro Bowler James Wilder, is interested in the big-time Florida schools.

KICKERS/PUNTERS

Kickers and punters often don't get recruited until later in the process, but two gems have already risen through the ranks. Punter **Kris Albarado** (Lake Charles, La.) has been listed as the top punter in the country by many experts and has several SEC schools, as well as Texas A&M, checking in. Kicker **Connor Loftus** (Orange, Calif.) hit nine field goals last year and is a great kickoff man. He already holds an offer from N.C. State and has dozens of other schools looking at him.

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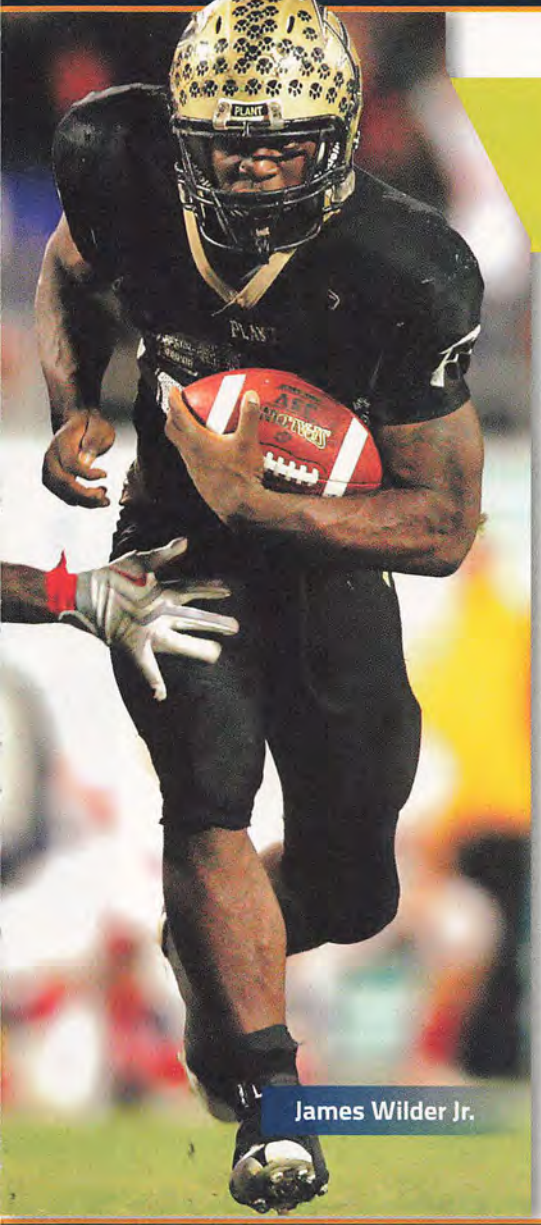

James Wilder Jr.

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Class of 2011 All-America Team

	PLAYER	HT.	WT.	SCHOOL	CITY, STATE
OFFENSE					
QB	Christian LeMay	6-2	200	Butler	Matthews, N.C.
RB	Herschel Sims	5-10	190	Abilene	Abilene, Texas
RB	De'Anthony Thomas	5-9	160	Crenshaw	Los Angeles
OL	La'El Collins	6-5	285	Redemptorist	Baton Rouge, La.
OL	Brey Cook	6-7	315	Har-Ber	Springdale, Ark.
OL	Garrett Greenlea	6-7	285	Klein Collins	Klein, Texas
OL	Conor Hanratty	6-4	305	New Canaan	New Canaan, Conn.
OL	Cyrus Kouandjio	6-6	320	DeMatha	Hyattsville, Md.
TE	Ray Hamilton	6-5	230	Strongsville	Strongsville, Ohio
WR	Davaris Daniels	6-3	190	Vernon Hills	Vernon Hills, Ill.
WR	Kasen Williams	6-2	200	Skyline	Sammamish, Wash.
ATH	Devon Blackmon	6-0	175	Summit	Fontana, Calif.
K	Connor Loftus	5-11	180	Servite	Orange, Calif.
DEFENSE					
DE	Jadeveon Clowney	6-5	225	South Pointe	Rock Hill, S.C.
DT	Kevin McReynolds	6-2	280	St. John's	Washington, D.C.
DT	Timmy Jernigan	6-2	275	Columbia	Lake City, Fla.
DE	Ray Drew	6-5	235	Thomas County Central	Thomasville, Ga.
LB	Stephone Anthony	6-3	220	Anson	Wadesboro, N.C.
LB	Brent Calloway	6-1	210	Russellville	Russellville, Ala.
LB	Curtis Grant	6-3	220	Hermitage	Richmond, Va.
LB	Lawrence Thomas	6-4	230	Renaissance	Detroit
DB	Sheroid Evans	6-0	175	Dulles	Sugar Land, Texas
DB	Doran Grant	5-10	170	St. Vincent-St. Mary	Akron, Ohio
DB	Wayne Lyons	6-0	190	Dillard	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
ATH	James Wilder Jr.	6-2	220	Plant	Tampa, Fla.
P	Kris Albarado	6-0	180	St. Louis Catholic	Lake Charles, La.

TOP 100 PLAYERS TO WATCH

QUARTERBACKS

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Teddy Bridgewater	6-3/170	Northwestern	Miami
Cameron Coffman	6-2/180	Raymore-Peculiar	Raymore, Mo.
Evan Crower	6-4/180	St. Augustine	San Diego
Jeff Driskel	6-3/225	Hagerty	Oviedo, Fla.
Kiehl Frazier	6-3/210	Shiloh Christian	Springdale, Ark.
Everett Golson	6-0/170	Myrtle Beach	Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Brett Hundley	6-4/210	Chandler	Chandler, Ariz.
Braxton Miller	6-2/185	Wayne	Huber Heights, Ohio
C.J. Uzomah	6-5/235	North Gwinnett	Suwanee, Ga.
J.W. Walsh	6-2/190	Guyer	Denton, Texas
Max Wittek	6-3/185	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, Calif.

RUNNING BACKS

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Adonis Ameen Moore	5-10/215	Mullen	Denver
Quan Bray	5-11/180	Callaway	Hogansville, Ga.
Malcolm Brown	6-0/210	Steele	Cibolo, Texas
Shon Carson	5-9/195	Lake City	Lake City, S.C.
Rodney Coe	6-3/240	Edwardsville	Edwardsville, Ill.
Tyson Coleman	6-2/200	Lake Oswego	Lake Oswego, Ore.
Isaiah Crowell	5-11/190	Carver	Columbus, Ga.
Kevin Grooms	5-10/165	South Broward	Hollywood, Fla.
Jeremy Hill	6-1/215	Redemptorist	Baton Rouge, La.
Savon Huggins	6-0/190	St. Peter's Prep	Jersey City, N.J.
Marlin Lane	6-1/190	Mainland	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Darrian Miller	5-10/180	Blue Springs	Blue Springs, Mo.
Jameel Poteat	5-11/195	Bishop McDevitt	Harrisburg, Pa.
Kody Walker	6-0/230	Jefferson City	Jefferson City, Mo.

TIGHT ENDS

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Chris Barnett	6-3/230	A. Maceo Smith	Dallas
Eric Ebron	6-5/225	Ben L Smith	Greensboro, N.C.
Christian French	6-6/220	Kennedy	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Ben Koyack	6-5/230	Oil City	Oil City, Pa.
Eric MacLain	6-5/270	Jack Britt	Fayetteville, N.C.
Jay Rome	6-6/240	Valdosta	Valdosta, Ga.

WIDE RECEIVERS

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
DeAnthony Arnett	6-0/170	Saginaw	Saginaw, Mich.
Victor Blackwell	6-1/190	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, Calif.
Damiere Byrd	5-8/160	Timber Creek	Sicklerville, N.J.
George Farmer	6-2/190	Junipero Serra	Gardena, Calif.
Jarvis Landry	6-3/180	Lutcher	Lutcher, La.
Wesley Leftwich	6-0/197	Columbia-Hickman	Columbia, Mo.
Charone Peake	6-3/185	Dorman	Roebuck, S.C.
Clifton Richardson	6-1/195	Menchville	Newport News, Va.
Jaxon Shipley	6-0/170	Brownwood	Brownwood, Texas
Tobias Singleton	6-2/175	Madison Central	Madison, Miss.
Tacoi Sumler	5-8/150	Columbus	Miami
Shane Wynn	5-6/150	Glenville	Cleveland

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Isaac Asiata	6-4/295	Spanish Fork	Spanish Fork, Utah
Austin Blythe	6-3/280	Williamsburg	Williamsburg, Iowa
Dylan Dismuke	6-6/290	Duncan	Duncan, Okla.
Reese Dismukes	6-3/270	Spanish Fort	Spanish Fort, Ala.
Sedrick Flowers	6-3/280	North Shore	Galena Park, Texas
Bobby Hart	6-4/285	St. Thomas Aquinas	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Cyrus Hobbi	6-4/285	Saguaro	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Jamar Lewter	6-7/265	Ballou	Washington, D.C.
Angelo Mangiro	6-3/290	Roxbury	Succasunna, N.J.
Jordan Prestwood	6-6/265	Plant City	Plant City, Fla.
Brandon Shell	6-7/290	Goose Creek	Goose Creek, S.C.
Landon Turner	6-4/305	Harrisonburg	Harrisonburg, Va.
Christian Westerman	6-5/290	Hamilton	Chandler, Ariz.

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Sioasi Aiono	6-4/290	South Hills	West Covina, Calif.
Kris Harley	6-2/265	Warren Central	Indianapolis
Mustafa Jalil	6-4/300	Cathedral Catholic	San Diego
Anthony Johnson	6-4/300	O. Perry Walker	New Orleans
Viliami Moala	6-3/305	Grant Union	Sacramento, Calif.
Todd Peat Jr.	6-3/280	Corona Del Sol	Tempe, Ariz.
Antwaun Woods	6-1/280	Taft	Woodland Hills, Calif.
Gabriel Wright	6-2/260	Carver	Columbus, Ga.

DEFENSIVE ENDS

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Sterling Bailey	6-5/235	East Hall	Gainesville, Ga.
LaMichael Fanning	6-6/285	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.
Jalen Grimble	6-3/250	Bishop Gorman	Las Vegas
Curt Maggitt	6-3/195	Dwyer	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Giorgio Newberry	6-5/260	Fort Pierce Central	Fort Pierce, Fla.
Jeoffrey Pagan	6-4/250	Asheville	Asheville, N.C.
Jermauria Rasco	6-3/230	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, La.
Brennan Scarlett	6-5/245	Central Catholic	Portland, Ore.
Greg Townsend Jr.	6-4/240	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills, Calif.
Stephon Tuitt	6-5/260	Monroe Area	Monroe, Ga.
DeVante Wilson	6-4/220	Corona	Corona, Calif.

LINEBACKERS

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
Trey DePriest	6-2/225	Springfield	Springfield, Ohio
Jason Gibson	6-2/210	Junipero Serra	Gardena, Calif.
Rob Hankins	6-1/220	Parish Episcopal School	Dallas
A.J. Johnson	6-3/225	Gainesville	Gainesville, Ga.
Jake Keefer	6-4/215	Baldwin-Woodville	Baldwin, Wis.
Denzel Perryman	6-0/210	Coral Gables	Coral Gables, Fla.
Christian Russell	6-1/210	Hoke	Fayetteville, N.C.
Anthony Sarao	5-11/200	Holy Spirit	Absecon, N.J.
Lateek Townsend	6-2/200	Marlboro County	Bennettsville, S.C.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

	HT./WT.	HIGH SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
George Atkinson III	6-2/185	Granada	Livermore, Calif.
Terrell Chestnut	5-11/175	Pottsgrove	Pottstown, Pa.
Ha'sean Clinton-Dix	6-3/210	Dr. Phillips	Orlando, Fla.
Cortez Davis	6-3/200	Mainland	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Quandre Diggs	5-10/190	Angleton	Angleton, Texas
Erique Florence	6-2/180	Valley	Valley, Ala.
Eilar Hardy	6-0/170	Central	Pickerington, Ohio
Albert Louis-Jean	6-0/170	Brockton	Brockton, Mass.
Maika Polamalu	5-11/190	Pottsgrove	Pottsgrove, Pa.
Leroy Scott	5-10/185	South Houston	Pasadena, Texas
Damian Swann	6-0/175	Grady	Atlanta
Josh Turner	6-0/185	Millwood	Oklahoma City
Nick Waisome	5-10/170	South Lake	Groveland, Fla.
Jabriel Washington	5-10/165	Trinity Christian Academy	Jackson, Tenn.
Jermaine Whitehead	6-0/185	Amanda Elzy	Greenwood, Miss.
Karlos Williams	6-0/190	Ridge Community	Davenport, Fla.

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TOP 10 PREP TEAMS TO WATCH

Florida home to three of our 10 terrific programs for 2010

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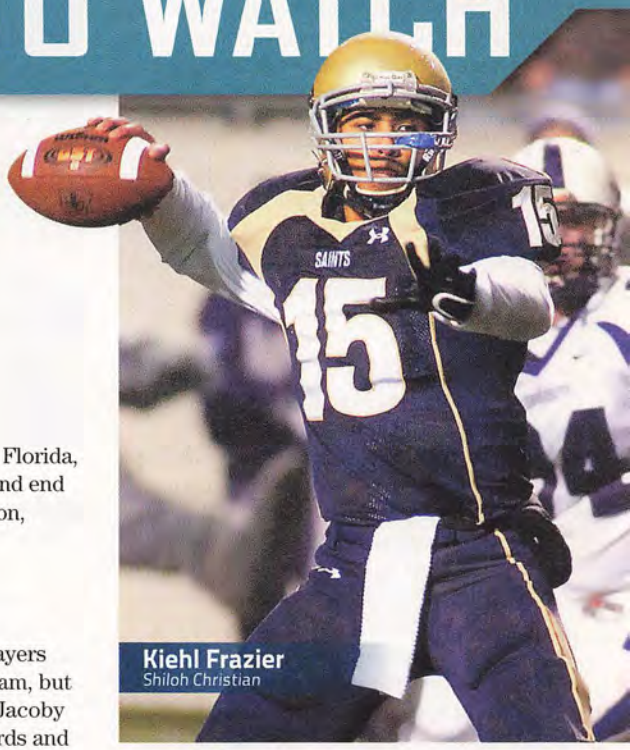
(listed alphabetically by state)



Kiehl Frazier
Shiloh Christian

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Shiloh Christian
(Springdale, Ark.) 13-1 in 2009

Quarterback Kiehl Frazier is the biggest reason the Saints are listed among the top 10 teams to watch. The quick-footed signal-caller has size (6-3, 215 pounds) and speed (4.57 seconds in the 40-yard dash). He threw for 3,817 yards and 48 touchdowns last fall, while also rushing for 764 yards and 14 touchdowns. He'll choose from just about any national powerhouse he wants to play for. The Saints also have some quality talent on the lines of scrimmage with offensive lineman Travis Bodenstein (who has five offers) and defensive tackle Samuel Harvill (who was leaning to Kansas State at press time) highlighting the group. This is a team that could do some damage outside of Arkansas.

Junipero Serra
(Gardena, Calif.) 15-0

The Cavaliers shouldn't have too many problems scoring this season, as quarterback Conner Preston is back under center and has his top target returning in wide receiver George Farmer. Preston threw for 3,437 yards and 44 touchdowns last fall and has attracted offers from three non-BCS schools. Farmer (41 receptions, 891 yards, 12 touchdowns), on the other hand, has every school in the country after him. On defense, secondary man Marqise Lee (who has offers from Florida, LSU, Michigan and Washington) and end Jason Gibson (Florida, LSU, Oregon, UCLA) are the standouts.

Dwyer
(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.) 14-1

The Panthers lost a few key players to graduation from a state title team, but they're still loaded. Quarterback Jacoby Brissett, who passed for 1,463 yards and 19 touchdowns and only five interceptions in 2009, has attracted offers from Florida State, Rutgers, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Tight end Nick O'Leary (who has offers from Florida, Florida State, Georgia, Miami and Tennessee) is one player Brissett can count on offensively. The defense, which gave up just 79 points in 15 games last year, also looks strong, with end Curtis Maggitt (Alabama, Florida and LSU have offered) leading the way.

Northwestern
(Miami) 10-2

Alabama, Florida, Miami and Tennessee make up a fraction of the schools that would love to get their hands on Bulls quarterback Teddy Bridgewater—but he's slippery. Last year he threw for 2,546 yards and 32 touchdowns while also rushing for more than 400 yards and eight scores. He's the biggest reason Northwestern once again looks like the team to beat in a treacherous Miami-Dade region (now that Miami Central graduated a ton of its talent). Wide receiver Eli Rogers, who has offers from Louisville and Miami, is just one of many weapons Bridgewater will have at his disposal.

St. Thomas Aquinas
(Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) 13-1

The Raiders graduated several BCS-level college signees, but there's still a nice mix of talent on the roster. Last year's starting quarterback, Jake Rudock, is back in the fold after throwing for 1,989 yards and 34 touchdowns and running for three more. He has Memphis and Wisconsin knocking on his door. Protecting Rudock is probably the top recruit on the roster, offensive lineman Bobby Hart, who can pretty much write his ticket to any major program in the nation. Rudock

will have two future BCS-level prospects to throw to in wideouts Phillip Dorsett and Rashad Greene. Offense will be the strength of this team.

Don Bosco Prep
(Ramsey, N.J.) 12-0

The Ironmen could be rebuilding after being named mythical national champions by several polls last fall. This is a program that always impresses, however, and deserves to be mentioned. Leading the way this fall will be returning starting quarterback Gary Nova, who threw for 1,668 yards and 23 touchdowns and led his team to impressive wins over De La Salle (Concord, Calif.) and Prattville (Ala.) to open last season. Nova reports scholarship offers from Boston College, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Vanderbilt and Virginia. He'll undoubtedly be the key if the Ironmen continue to dominate this fall.

Butler
(Matthews, N.C.) 15-0

The Bulldogs won the state title at the highest level of prep football in North Carolina and have overtaken neighboring rival Independence (Charlotte, N.C.) as the dominant team in the region. Butler is loaded with an arsenal of returning weapons, led by the top quarterback on *Sporting News*' All-America Team, Christian LeMay (3,296 passing yards, 44 TDs, 2 INTs). LeMay will have plenty to work with in running backs Deion Walker and Jahwan Edwards, plus a corps of wideouts led by his younger brother, Uriah LeMay. Safety Mark Bridges and end Colin Parson are the leaders on defense, but linebacker Kris Frost is probably the second-best college prospect on this team after its All-America quarterback.

Glenville
(Cleveland) 13-2

The Tarblooders are stocked with elite talent for this season. Offensive lineman Aundrey Walker is a big-time prospect who appears to be down to Michigan State, Ohio State and USC. Lightning-quick athlete Shane Wynn also has the option of picking between the in-state Buckeyes and USC, along with several other schools. Quarterback Cardale Jones is 6-5 and has several college options himself. Defensively, linebacker Andre Sturdivant and tackle Antwan Crutcher will be playing on Saturdays, too. Glenville's city rival, St. Ignatius, still presents a significant obstacle to overcome for championships.

Ronnell Sims
Abilene

Abilene
(Texas) 15-0

The Eagles won't have any problem generating offensive firepower this year. The main cog in the offense is running back Herschel Sims, who rushed for 2,337 yards and 31 touchdowns last year and has schools such as Oklahoma and USC drooling over him. But Sims isn't the only one who can move the ball. Quarterback Ronnell Sims, who has attracted in-state scholarship offers from Baylor and Rice, is back after passing for 1,752 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2009 while rushing for 1,185 yards and 14 more scores. This is a hungry team that already has the experience of winning a state championship.

Trinity
(Euless, Texas) 14-2

The Trojans aren't loaded with blue-chip recruits, but they'll have their share of college signees come February. The top college prospects are Baylor commitments Nila Kneubuhl (tight end) and Suleiman Masumbuko (defensive tackle), but this is a group that plays well together. The running game should be a strong again, with running back Tevin Williams (who has an offer from Utah) being one of the key components. Look for Trinity to be one of the best programs in Texas this fall.

THE NEXT 20 PROGRAMS

(listed alphabetically)

Bishop Gorman *(Las Vegas) 15-0*
Camden County *(Kingsland, Ga.) 13-2*
Cardinal Mooney *(Youngstown, Ohio) 15-0*
Crenshaw *(Los Angeles) 14-1*
DeSoto *(Texas) 9-3*
Dorman *(Roebuck, S.C.) 14-1*
Dr. Phillips *(Orlando, Fla.) 11-1*
Hamilton *(Chandler, Ariz.) 14-0*
Hoover *(Ala.) 14-1*
Katy *(Texas) 14-2*
Lake Travis *(Austin, Texas) 16-0*
Manatee *(Bradenton, Fla.) 13-2*
Mullen *(Denver) 14-0*
North Gwinnett *(Suwanee, Ga.) 12-1*
Phoebus *(Hampton, Va.) 15-0*
Plant *(Tampa, Fla.) 13-1*
Servite *(Anaheim, Calif.) 14-1*
South Panola *(Batesville, Miss.) 14-1*
Stony Point *(Round Rock, Texas) 13-2*
West Monroe *(La.) 15-0*

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PASSING EFFICIENCY *(MINIMUM OF 15 ATTEMPTS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT%	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
Tim Tebow, Florida	SR	14	314	213	67.83	5	1.59	2895	9.22	21	6.69	164.17
Kellen Moore, Boise State	SO	14	431	277	64.27	3	.070	3536	8.20	39	9.05	161.65
Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	JR	12	425	289	68.00	4	0.94	3722	8.76	28	6.59	161.42
Max Hall, BYU	SR	13	409	275	67.24	14	3.42	3560	8.70	33	8.07	160.13
Nathan Enderle, Idaho	JR	11	312	192	61.54	9	2.88	2906	9.31	22	7.05	157.28
Case Keenum, Houston	JR	14	700	492	70.29	15	2.14	5671	8.10	44	6.29	154.79
Ryan Mallett, Arkansas	SO	13	403	225	55.83	7	1.74	3624	8.99	30	7.44	152.46
Andy Dalton, TCU	JR	13	323	199	61.61	8	2.48	2756	8.53	23	7.12	151.83
Joe Webb, UAB	SR	12	271	162	59.78	8	2.95	2299	8.48	21	7.75	150.71
Bill Stull, Pittsburgh	SR	13	321	209	65.11	8	2.49	2633	8.20	21	6.54	150.61
Dan LeFevour, Central Michigan	SR	14	456	318	69.74	7	1.54	3438	7.54	28	6.14	150.26
Tony Pike, Cincinnati	SR	10	338	211	62.43	6	1.78	2520	7.46	29	8.58	149.82
Tyrod Taylor, Virginia Tech	JR	13	243	136	55.97	5	2.06	2311	9.51	13	5.35	149.39
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	SR	12	400	264	66.00	12	3.00	3160	7.90	26	6.50	147.81
Russell Wilson, N.C. State	SO	12	378	224	59.26	11	2.91	3027	8.01	31	8.20	147.77
Colt McCoy, Texas	SR	14	470	332	70.64	12	2.55	3521	7.49	27	5.74	147.42
Levi Brown, Troy	SR	13	504	321	63.69	9	1.79	4254	8.44	23	4.56	146.08
Chris Todd, Auburn	SR	13	328	198	60.37	6	1.83	2612	7.96	22	6.71	145.73
Martevious Young, Southern Miss	JR	10	230	132	57.39	3	1.30	1861	8.09	16	6.96	145.71
Ryan Colburn, Fresno State	JR	13	298	181	60.74	11	3.69	2459	8.25	19	6.38	143.71
Andrew Luck, Stanford	FR	12	288	162	56.25	4	1.39	2575	8.94	13	4.51	143.47
Scott Tolzien, Wisconsin	JR	13	328	211	64.33	11	3.35	2705	8.25	16	4.88	142.99
Daryll Clark, Penn State	SR	13	381	232	60.89	10	2.62	3003	7.88	24	6.30	142.64
G.J. Kinne, Tulsa	SO	12	345	210	60.87	10	2.90	2732	7.92	22	6.38	142.63
Kirk Cousins, Michigan State	SO	13	328	198	60.37	9	2.74	2680	8.17	19	5.79	142.63

TOTAL OFFENSE

			RUSHING				PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE			
	YEAR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	YDS/G
Case Keenum, Houston	JR	14	60	287	129	158	700	5671	760	5829	7.67	416.36
Levi Brown, Troy	SR	13	54	150	143	7	504	4254	558	4261	7.64	327.77
Jerrod Johnson, Texas A&M	JR	13	145	759	253	506	497	3579	642	4085	6.36	314.23
Todd Reesing, Kansas	SR	12	104	426	307	119	496	3616	600	3735	6.23	311.25
Tyler Sheehan, Bowling Green	SR	13	73	189	197	-8	575	4051	648	4043	6.24	311.00
Joe Webb, UAB	SR	12	227	1619	192	1427	271	2299	498	3726	7.48	310.50
Dwight Dasher, Middle Tennessee	JR	13	224	1391	237	1154	399	2789	623	3943	6.33	303.31
Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	JR	12	59	105	200	-95	425	3722	484	3627	7.49	302.25
Taylor Potts, Texas Tech	JR	11	24	10	176	-166	470	3440	494	3274	6.63	297.64
Dan LeFevour, Central Michigan	SR	14	183	824	111	713	456	3438	639	4151	6.50	296.50
Blaine Gabbert, Missouri	SO	13	103	426	222	204	445	3593	548	3797	6.93	292.08
Mike Kafka, Northwestern	SR	13	150	519	224	295	492	3430	642	3725	5.80	286.54
Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	SR	12	86	245	197	48	449	3330	535	3378	6.31	281.50
Max Hall, BYU	SR	13	72	232	157	75	409	3560	481	3635	7.56	279.62
Diondre Borel, Utah State	JR	12	173	742	284	458	366	2885	539	3343	6.20	278.58
Ryan Mallett, Arkansas	SO	13	58	145	174	-29	403	3624	461	3595	7.80	276.54
Colt McCoy, Texas	SR	14	129	559	211	348	470	3521	599	3869	6.46	276.36
Joey Elliott, Purdue	SR	12	87	398	130	268	433	3026	520	3294	6.33	274.50
Russell Wilson, N.C. State	SO	12	103	481	221	260	378	3027	481	3287	6.83	273.92
Tim Tebow, Florida	SR	14	217	1088	178	910	314	2895	531	3805	7.17	271.79
Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP	JR	12	45	101	184	-83	409	3308	454	3225	7.10	268.75
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	SR	12	70	240	184	56	400	3160	470	3216	6.84	268.00
Jake Locker, Washington	JR	12	112	577	189	388	395	2800	507	3188	6.29	265.67
Tim Hiller, Western Michigan	SR	12	39	77	178	-101	514	3249	553	3148	5.69	262.33
G.J. Kinne, Tulsa	SO	12	150	711	312	399	345	2732	495	3131	6.33	260.92

ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	PLAYS	YDS/PL	YDS	YDS/GM
Damaris Johnson, Tulsa	SO	12	175	1131	256	1131	168	16.03	2693	224.42
Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	SR	13	16	1191	202	1281	150	17.93	2690	206.92
Brandon West, Western Michigan	SR	12	1164	217	17	960	286	8.24	2358	196.50
C.J. Spiller, Clemson	SR	14	1212	503	210	755	283	9.47	2680	191.43
Antonio Brown, Central Michigan	JR	14	341	1198	270	773	207	12.47	2582	184.43
Torrey Smith, Maryland	SO	12	59	824	0	1309	123	17.82	2192	182.67
James Rodgers, Oregon State	JR	13	303	1034	151	840	198	11.76	2328	179.08
Bobby Rainey, Western Kentucky	SO	12	939	83	29	1050	205	10.25	2101	175.08
Brandon Banks, Kansas State	SR	12	110	705	155	1127	123	17.05	2097	174.75
Jerrel Jernigan, Troy	JR	13	266	1101	0	897	150	15.09	2264	174.15
Donald Buckram, UTEP	JR	12	1594	453	0	0	289	7.08	2047	170.58
Darius Marshall, Marshall	JR	10	1131	27	0	486	261	6.30	1644	164.40
Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas	JR	11	19	1337	0	432	105	17.03	1788	162.55
Warren Norman, Vanderbilt	FR	12	783	108	0	1050	204	9.51	1941	161.75
Ryan Mathews, Fresno State	JR	12	1808	122	0	0	287	6.72	1930	160.83
Golden Tate, Notre Dame	JR	12	186	1496	171	62	133	14.40	1915	159.58
Tyron Carrier, Houston	SO	14	125	1029	73	986	142	15.58	2213	158.07
Toby Gerhart, Stanford	SR	13	1871	157	0	0	354	5.73	2028	156.00
Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh	FR	13	1799	189	0	0	350	5.68	1988	152.92
Derrick Locke, Kentucky	JR	12	907	284	0	639	249	7.35	1830	152.50
Dwayne Harris, East Carolina	JR	14	149	978	7	1000	152	14.04	2134	152.43
Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	SR	13	78	1770	117	0	192	10.23	1965	151.15
Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon State	SO	13	1440	522	0	0	351	5.59	1962	150.92
Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	SO	12	83	1120	492	81	135	13.16	1776	148.00
Eric Page, Toledo	FR	12	55	1159	97	457	120	14.73	1768	147.33

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/G
Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	SR	13	155	1770	19	11.92
Danario Alexander, Missouri	SR	13	113	1781	14	8.69
James Cleveland, Houston	JR	12	104	1214	14	8.67
Kerry Meier, Kansas	SR	12	102	985	8	8.50
Jordan Shipley, Texas	SR	14	116	1485	13	8.29
Greg Salas, Hawaii	JR	13	106	1590	8	8.15
Antonio Brown, Central Michigan	JR	14	110	1198	9	7.86
Golden Tate, Notre Dame	JR	12	93	1496	15	7.75
Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas	JR	11	84	1337	9	7.64
Keith Smith, Purdue	SR	12	91	1100	6	7.58
Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	SR	13	98	1339	7	7.54
Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	SO	12	89	1120	15	7.42
James Rodgers, Oregon State	JR	13	91	1034	9	7.00
Zeke Markshausen, Northwestern	SR	13	91	858	3	7.00
Jeremy Williams, Tulane	SR	12	84	1113	7	7.00
Eric Page, Toledo	FR	12	82	1159	7	6.83
Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	SR	11	74	760	2	6.73
Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	SR	13	87	1191	11	6.69
Stephen Williams, Toledo	SR	12	79	1065	5	6.58
Tyron Carrier, Houston	SO	14	91	1029	7	6.50

INTERCEPTIONS PER GAME

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	INT/G
Rahim Moore, UCLA	SO	13	10	79	0	0.77
Brian Lainhart, Kent State	JR	12	7	25	0	0.58
DeAndre McDaniel, Clemson	JR	14	8	182	1	0.57
Earl Thomas, Texas	SO	14	8	149	2	0.57
Chris May, Eastern Michigan	SR	11	6	126	0	0.55
Anthony Wright, Air Force	SO	13	7	153	2	0.54
Marcus Udell, Middle Tennessee	SR	13	7	88	0	0.54
Mark Barron, Alabama	SO	14	7	125	1	0.50
Corey Broomfield, Mississippi State	FR	12	6	118	2	0.50
Sherrick McManis, Northwestern	SR	10	5	0	0	0.50
Tyler Sash, Iowa	SO	13	6	203	1	0.46
Walter McFadden, Auburn	SR	13	6	154	2	0.46
Robert Johnson, Utah	SR	13	6	139	1	0.46
Deunta Williams, North Carolina	JR	13	6	114	0	0.46
Sam Maxwell, Kentucky	SR	13	6	92	1	0.46
Josh Robinson, UCF	FR	13	6	84	1	0.46
Rashad Carmichael, Virginia Tech	JR	13	6	71	1	0.46
Mana Silva, Hawaii	JR	13	6	28	0	0.46
Van Eskridge, East Carolina	SR	14	6	126	0	0.43
Matt O'Hanlon, Nebraska	SR	14	6	105	1	0.43

SCORING

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Toby Gerhart, Stanford	SR	13	28	0	0	172	13.23
Ricky Dobbs, Navy	JR	13	27	0	0	162	12.46
Donald Buckram, UTEP	JR	12	21	0	0	126	10.50
Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon State	SO	13	22	0	0	132	10.15
Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech	FR	13	22	0	0	132	10.15
Freddie Barnes, Bowling Green	SR	13	21	0	0	126	9.69
Curtis Steele, Memphis	SR	10	16	0	0	96	9.60
Hunter Lawrence, Texas	SR	14	0	61	24	133	9.50
Lance Dunbar, North Texas	SO	12	19	0	0	114	9.50
Ryan Mathews, Fresno State	JR	12	19	0	0	114	9.50
Leigh Tiffin, Alabama	SR	14	0	42	30	132	9.43
Chad Spann, Northern Illinois	JR	13	20	0	0	120	9.23
Robert Turbin, Utah State	SO	12	18	0	0	110	9.17
C.J. Spiller, Clemson	SR	14	21	0	0	128	9.14
Grant Ressel, Missouri	SO	13	0	39	26	117	9.00
Golden Tate, Notre Dame	JR	12	18	0	0	108	9.00
Dan Hutchins, Pittsburgh	JR	13	0	46	23	115	8.85
Morgan Flint, Oregon	SR	12	0	54	16	104	8.67
Mark Ingram, Alabama	SO	14	20	0	0	120	8.57
Justin Kahut, Oregon State	JR	13	0	45	22	111	8.54

RUSHING

	YEAR	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Ryan Mathews, Fresno State	JR	12	276	1808	6.55	19	150.67
Toby Gerhart, Stanford	SR	13	343	1871	5.45	28	143.92
Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh	FR	13	325	1799	5.54	17	138.38
Donald Buckram, UTEP	JR	12	259	1594	6.15	18	132.83
Ryan Williams, Virginia Tech	FR	13	293	1655	5.65	21	127.31
Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State	SR	11	257	1391	5.41	12	126.45
Curtis Steele, Memphis	SR	10	198	1239	6.26	15	123.90
Vai Taua, Nevada	JR	11	172	1345	7.82	10	122.27
LaMichael James, Oregon	FR	13	230	1546	6.72	14	118.92
Joe Webb, UAB	SR	12	227	1427	6.29	11	118.92
Mark Ingram, Alabama	SO	14	271	1658	6.12	17	118.43
John Clay, Wisconsin	SO	13	287	1517	5.29	18	116.69
Alfred Morris, Florida Atlantic	SO	12	263	1392	5.29	11	116.00
Lance Dunbar, North Texas	SO	12	200	1378	6.89	17	114.83
Bernard Pierce, Temple	FR	12	236	1361	5.77	16	113.42
Darius Marshall, Marshall	JR	10	227	1131	4.98	11	113.10
Noel Devine, West Virginia	JR	13	241	1465	6.08	13	112.69
Montel Harris, Boston College	SO	13	308	1457	4.73	14	112.08
Jacquizz Rodgers, Oregon State	SO	13	273	1440	5.27	21	110.77
Robert Turbin, Utah State	SO	12	207	1296	6.26	13	108.00

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PUNT RETURNS *(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Greg Reid, Florida State	FR	21	387	1	18.43
Trindon Holliday, LSU	SR	20	362	1	18.10
Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma	SO	31	492	1	15.87
Javier Arenas, Alabama	SR	32	493	1	15.41
Da'Norris Searcy, North Carolina	JR	23	335	1	14.57
Tracy Lampley, Southern Miss	FR	23	334	1	14.52
Jeremy Kerley, TCU	JR	39	563	2	14.44
Damaris Johnson, Tulsa	SO	18	256	1	14.22
Damian Williams, USC	JR	24	340	2	14.17
Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	SR	20	275	1	13.75
Antonio Brown, Central Michigan	JR	20	270	2	13.50
LaVon Brazill, Ohio	JR	26	350	3	13.46
Jerrard Tarrant, Georgia Tech	SO	21	281	2	13.38
Jordan Shipley, Texas	SR	24	311	2	12.96
David Leonard, Wyoming	JR	16	207	0	12.94
Randall Cobb, Kentucky	SO	24	308	1	12.83
Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	SR	16	202	1	12.63
Robert McClain, Connecticut	SR	21	265	1	12.62
Jason Frierson, Florida International	JR	20	244	0	12.20
Prince Miller, Georgia	SR	19	226	0	11.89

PUNTING *(MINIMUM OF 3.6 PUNTS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Drew Butler, Georgia	SO	13	56	2691	48.05
Matt Dodge, East Carolina	SR	14	67	3069	45.81
Tress Way, Oklahoma	FR	13	61	2787	45.69
Matt Reagan, Memphis	SR	12	63	2868	45.52
Quinn Sharp, Oklahoma State	FR	13	67	3023	45.12
Derek Epperson, Baylor	JR	12	54	2420	44.81
Michael Such, Tulsa	JR	12	57	2538	44.53
Zoltan Mesko, Michigan	SR	11	52	2312	44.46
Scott Kozlowski, West Virginia	SR	13	64	2844	44.44
Trevor Hankins, Arizona State	JR	12	69	3049	44.19
Adam Miller, New Mexico	SR	12	64	2819	44.05
Tyler Campbell, Ole Miss	FR	11	43	1890	43.95
Brian Stahovich, San Diego State	SO	12	61	2674	43.84
Brent Bowden, Virginia Tech	SR	13	57	2495	43.77
Rob Long, Syracuse	JR	12	58	2538	43.76
Jeff Locke, UCLA	FR	13	70	3054	43.63
Kyle Martens, Rice	SO	9	48	2094	43.63
Jeremy Moore, Western Kentucky	SR	12	56	2427	43.34
Jeremy Boone, Penn State	SR	13	53	2296	43.32
Austin McCoy, Wyoming	SO	13	80	3463	43.29

FIELD GOALS

	YEAR	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	FG/G
Kai Forbath, UCLA	JR	13	31	28	.903	2.15
Leigh Tiffin, Alabama	SR	14	35	30	.857	2.14
Grant Ressel, Missouri	SO	13	27	26	.963	2.00
Dan Hutchins, Pittsburgh	JR	13	29	23	.793	1.77
Hunter Lawrence, Texas	SR	14	27	24	.889	1.71
Alex Henery, Nebraska	JR	14	28	24	.857	1.71
Justin Kahut, Oregon State	JR	13	27	22	.815	1.69
Erik Soderberg, Air Force	SO	13	30	22	.733	1.69
Joe Phillips, Utah	JR	12	22	20	.909	1.67
Ian McGarvey, Ball State	JR	11	21	18	.857	1.64
Alex Carlton, Army	SO	11	24	18	.750	1.64
Casey Barth, North Carolina	SO	13	25	21	.840	1.62
Caleb Sturgis, Florida	SO	14	30	22	.733	1.57
Nick Tausch, Notre Dame	FR	9	17	14	.824	1.56
Will Snyderwine, Duke	JR	11	20	17	.850	1.55
Blair Walsh, Georgia	SO	13	22	20	.909	1.54
Matt Waldron, Virginia Tech	SR	13	23	20	.870	1.54
Ben Hartman, East Carolina	SR	13	30	20	.667	1.54
Erik Folk, Washington	SO	12	21	18	.857	1.50
Matt Weller, Ohio	FR	14	29	21	.724	1.50

KICKOFF RETURNS *(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ray Fisher, Indiana	SR	17	635	2	37.35
D.J. Monroe, Texas	FR	16	537	2	33.56
C.J. Spiller, Clemson	SR	23	755	4	32.83
Dyrell Roberts, Virginia Tech	SO	18	574	1	31.89
Chris Owusu, Stanford	SO	37	1167	3	31.54
Demond Washington, Auburn	JR	16	497	1	31.06
Mardy Gilyard, Cincinnati	SR	42	1281	2	30.50
James Nixon, Temple	SO	17	497	2	29.24
Tyron Carrier, Houston	SO	34	986	4	29.00
Javier Arenas, Alabama	SR	19	551	0	29.00
Keshawn Martin, Michigan State	SO	23	665	1	28.91
Brandon Banks, Kansas State	SR	39	1127	4	28.90
T.Y. Hilton, Florida International	SO	22	633	1	28.77
Derrick Locke, Kentucky	JR	23	639	1	27.78
Tracy Lampley, Southern Miss	FR	17	469	1	27.59
Jamaal Jackson, North Texas	JR	17	463	0	27.24
Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech	JR	23	622	1	27.04
Chris Garrett, Ohio	SR	26	703	1	27.04
Dwayne Harris, East Carolina	JR	37	1000	3	27.03
Titus Young, Boise State	JR	31	833	2	26.87

TEAM LEADERS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Nevada	13	607	4484	7.39	48	344.92
Georgia Tech	14	792	4136	5.22	47	295.43
Air Force	13	815	3685	4.52	31	283.46
Navy	14	820	3927	4.79	44	280.50
TCU	13	595	3114	5.23	35	239.54
Oregon	13	547	3012	5.51	38	231.69
UAB	12	463	2759	5.96	17	229.92
Fresno State	13	555	2976	5.36	30	228.92
Mississippi State	12	555	2731	4.92	21	227.58
Florida	14	555	3105	5.59	30	221.79
Stanford	13	536	2837	5.29	39	218.23
Alabama	14	601	3011	5.01	31	215.07
Auburn	13	550	2756	5.01	24	212.00
Virginia Tech	13	573	2706	4.72	33	208.15
Wisconsin	13	581	2650	4.56	33	203.85
Army	12	593	2443	4.12	13	203.58
Illinois	12	497	2405	4.84	22	200.42
Ohio State	13	563	2540	4.51	20	195.38
Northern Illinois	13	531	2537	4.78	27	195.15
Utah State	12	496	2311	4.66	25	192.58

RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Texas	14	458	1013	2.21	9	72.36
Alabama	14	395	1094	2.77	5	78.14
TCU	13	402	1043	2.59	8	80.23
UCF	13	416	1076	2.59	12	82.77
Wisconsin	13	397	1147	2.89	8	88.23
Penn State	13	410	1168	2.85	6	89.85
Ohio State	13	410	1180	2.88	8	90.77
Oklahoma	13	432	1208	2.80	10	92.92
Nebraska	14	465	1304	2.80	7	93.14
North Carolina	13	439	1243	2.83	12	95.62
Oklahoma State	13	415	1245	3.00	13	95.77
Florida	14	449	1397	3.11	6	99.79
Syracuse	12	401	1222	3.05	15	101.83
Boston College	13	448	1341	2.99	11	103.15
Rutgers	13	441	1342	3.04	14	103.23
Kansas State	12	362	1265	3.49	10	105.42
Pittsburgh	13	425	1382	3.25	12	106.31
Temple	13	434	1399	3.22	9	107.62
Arizona State	12	384	1303	3.39	12	108.58
Louisiana-Monroe	12	397	1321	3.33	20	110.08

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Houston	14	1150	7887	6.86	77	563.36
Nevada	13	900	6573	7.30	69	505.62
Troy	13	973	6314	6.49	55	485.69
Texas Tech	13	988	6120	6.19	64	470.77
Texas A&M	13	1053	6055	5.75	56	465.77
Florida	14	919	6410	6.97	63	457.86
TCU	13	921	5937	6.45	65	456.69
Notre Dame	12	848	5421	6.39	44	451.75
Idaho	13	849	5868	6.91	55	451.38
Boise State	14	966	6303	6.52	76	450.21
Cincinnati	13	833	5817	6.98	66	447.46
Utah State	12	872	5272	6.05	44	439.33
Toledo	12	854	5259	6.16	46	438.25
Hawaii	13	861	5687	6.61	37	437.46
Florida Atlantic	12	878	5185	5.91	44	432.08
Auburn	13	914	5613	6.14	55	431.77
Fresno State	13	876	5597	6.39	56	430.54
UTEP	12	823	5144	6.25	46	428.67
Stanford	13	849	5559	6.55	59	427.62
Arkansas	13	834	5555	6.66	60	427.31

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
TCU	13	801	3116	3.89	20	239.69
Alabama	14	844	3418	4.05	18	244.14
Texas	14	918	3527	3.84	27	251.93
Florida	14	845	3536	4.18	18	252.57
Ohio State	13	827	3410	4.12	19	262.31
North Carolina	13	835	3505	4.20	22	269.62
Nebraska	14	955	3808	3.99	16	272.00
Oklahoma	13	866	3544	4.09	22	272.62
Penn State	13	811	3568	4.40	17	274.46
Iowa	13	844	3595	4.26	23	276.54
Air Force	13	793	3748	4.73	24	288.31
Virginia Tech	13	835	3841	4.60	20	295.46
Arizona State	12	750	3571	4.76	29	297.58
Boise State	14	879	4203	4.78	31	300.21
South Carolina	13	828	3909	4.72	31	300.69
Army	12	726	3656	5.04	34	304.67
Wisconsin	13	782	3974	5.08	34	305.69
Rutgers	13	827	4001	4.84	29	307.77
Utah	13	876	4080	4.66	32	313.85
Clemson	14	967	4400	4.55	33	314.29

TURNOVER MARGIN

	GAINED			LOST			
	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN/G
Air Force	14	20	34	9	3	12	1.69
Rutgers	19	15	34	4	10	14	1.54
Boise State	11	24	35	11	3	14	1.50
Alabama	7	24	31	7	5	12	1.36
Ohio State	11	24	35	7	11	18	1.31
Arkansas	17	13	30	6	9	15	1.15
Ohio	17	20	37	11	13	24	0.93
Middle Tennessee	14	19	33	6	15	21	0.92
East Carolina	17	17	34	11	12	23	0.79
Pittsburgh	9	15	24	6	8	14	0.77
Southern Miss	15	12	27	11	6	17	0.77
UAB	11	11	22	5	8	13	0.75
Cincinnati	3	16	19	2	8	10	0.69
Virginia Tech	13	11	24	10	5	15	0.69
Navy	10	13	23	10	4	14	0.64
Texas	12	25	37	12	16	28	0.64
UCF	16	12	28	7	13	20	0.62
Wyoming	10	12	22	7	7	14	0.62
Indiana	13	16	29	7	15	22	0.58
Kansas State	12	13	25	10	8	18	0.58
Louisiana Tech	7	13	20	8	5	13	0.58

PASSING OFFENSE

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/CMP	TD	YDS/G
Houston	14	747	525	15	70.28	6072	11.57	47	433.71
Texas Tech	13	669	448	17	66.97	5028	11.22	38	386.77
Hawaii	13	569	339	17	59.58	4381	12.92	25	337.00
Troy	13	529	333	10	62.95	4375	13.14	24	336.54
Notre Dame	12	447	301	5	67.34	3882	12.90	30	323.50
Bowling Green	13	596	381	7	63.93	4110	10.79	27	316.15
Kansas	12	506	320	10	63.24	3724	11.64	22	310.33
Cincinnati	13	472	311	8	65.89	4014	12.91	39	308.77
Duke	12	501	308	10	61.48	3660	11.88	24	305.00
Arkansas	13	439	247	9	56.26	3842	15.55	32	295.54
Oklahoma	13	519	300	15	57.80	3760	12.53	28	289.23
Idaho	13	396	240	15	60.61	3727	15.53	28	286.69
Northwestern	13	531	342	14	64.41	3725	10.89	20	286.54
Missouri	13	467	274	11	58.67	3711	13.54	26	285.46
SMU	13	472	286	14	60.59	3666	12.82	22	282.00
Texas A&M	13	509	302	8	59.33	3661	12.12	30	281.62
BYU	13	419	282	14	67.30	3659	12.98	34	281.46
Florida Atlantic	12	444	257	7	57.88	3356	13.06	26	279.67
Toledo	12	445	271	16	60.90	3342	12.33	21	278.50
UTEP	12	422	229	13	54.27	3331	14.55	17	277.58

PASS-EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	INT%	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	RATING
Nebraska	14	490	234	47.76	20	4.08	2504	5.11	7	1.43	87.28
Alabama	14	449	210	46.77	24	5.35	2324	5.18	11	2.45	87.67
Iowa	13	383	190	49.61	21	5.48	1988	5.19	9	2.35	89.99
TCU	13	399	189	47.37	14	3.51	2073	5.20	10	2.51	92.30
Ohio State	13	417	226	54.20	24	5.76	2230	5.35	10	2.40	95.52
Florida	14	396	208	52.53	20	5.05	2139	5.40	10	2.53	96.11
Oklahoma	13	434	233	53.69	18	4.15	2336	5.38	11	2.53	98.98
Virginia Tech	13	367	174	47.41	11	3.00	2172	5.92	9	2.45	99.21
Utah	13	397	201	50.63	17	4.28	2288	5.76	12	3.02	100.42
Texas	14	460	255	55.43	25	5.43	2514	5.47	14	3.04	100.48
Ole Miss	13	396	198	50.00	13	3.28	2267	5.72	12	3.03	101.52
Tennessee	13	393	220	55.98	10	2.54	2200	5.60	5	1.27	102.13
Boise State	14	439	241	54.90	24	5.47	2518	5.74	15	3.42	103.42
North Carolina	13	396	232	58.59	19	4.80	2262	5.71	10	2.53	105.32
Penn State	13	401	217	54.11	14	3.49	2400	5.99	10	2.49	105.62
USC	13	463	241	52.05	11	2.38	2760	5.96	12	2.59	105.97
Air Force	13	328	189	57.62	20	6.10	2006	6.12	10	3.05	106.84
Ohio	14	449	240	53.45	20	4.45	2727	6.07	17	3.79	108.10
LSU	13	416	222	53.37	13	3.13	2525	6.07	13	3.13	108.45
Arizona State	12	366	194	53.01	15	4.10	2268	6.20	13	3.55	108.58

SCORING OFFENSE

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
Boise State	14	591	76	42.21
Houston	14	591	77	42.21
Texas	14	550	68	39.29
Cincinnati	13	502	66	38.62
TCU	13	498	65	38.31
Nevada	13	497	69	38.23
Texas Tech	13	481	64	37.00
Oregon	13	469	60	36.08
Arkansas	13	468	60	36.00
Florida	14	502	63	35.86
BYU	13	461	62	35.46
Stanford	13	461	59	35.46
Central Michigan	14	475	61	33.93
Fresno State	13	440	56	33.85
Georgia Tech	14	473	62	33.79
Troy	13	438	55	33.69
Auburn	13	433	55	33.31
Southern Miss	13	428	57	32.92
Texas A&M	13	427	56	32.85
Idaho	13	425	55	32.69

SCORING DEFENSE

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
Nebraska	14	146	16	10.43
Alabama	14	164	18	11.71
Penn State	13	159	17	12.23
Florida	14	174	18	12.43
Ohio State	13	163	19	12.54
TCU	13	166	20	12.77
Oklahoma	13	189	22	14.54
Iowa	13	200	23	15.38
Virginia Tech	13	203	20	15.62
Air Force	13	204	24	15.69
LSU	13	211	19	16.23
Texas	14	234	27	16.71
North Carolina	13	222	22	17.08
Boise State	14	240	31	17.14
Ole Miss	13	230	25	17.69
Rutgers	13	233	29	17.92
Central Michigan	14	265	30	18.93
Navy	14	272	31	19.43
Boston College	13	257	28	19.77
Pittsburgh	13	257	32	19.77
South Florida	13	257	30	19.77

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PASSING EFFICIENCY *(MINIMUM OF 15 ATTEMPTS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	INT%	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	PCT	RATING
K.J. Black, Prairie View A&M	JR	9	230	162	70.43	4	1.74	2033	8.84	22	9.57	172.77
Ryan Perrilloux, Jacksonville State	SR	10	236	138	58.47	2	.85	2350	9.96	23	9.75	172.58
Robert Curley, Lafayette	SR	11	336	231	68.75	12	3.57	3044	9.06	28	8.33	165.21
Andrew Selle, Montana	JR	15	356	224	62.92	6	1.69	3043	8.55	28	7.87	157.31
Pat Grace, Northern Iowa	SR	11	253	155	61.26	8	3.16	2280	9.01	20	7.91	156.73
Matt Nichols, Eastern Washington	SR	12	458	298	65.07	6	1.31	3830	8.36	33	7.21	156.47
Josh McGregor, Jacksonville	SO	11	315	178	56.51	7	2.22	2693	8.55	31	9.84	156.35
Chris Whitney, Villanova	JR	15	246	159	64.63	4	1.63	1936	7.87	18	7.32	151.64
Greg Sullivan, Colgate	JR	11	230	135	58.70	5	2.17	1952	8.49	18	7.83	151.46
John Skelton, Fordham	SR	11	441	284	64.40	10	2.27	3708	8.41	26	5.90	149.95
Michael Herrick, Northern Arizona	JR	11	407	270	66.34	8	1.97	3356	8.25	22	5.41	149.51
Armanti Edwards, Appalachian State	SR	12	378	257	67.99	7	1.85	3291	8.71	12	3.17	147.90
Dominic Randolph, Holy Cross	SR	12	485	310	63.92	15	3.09	3776	7.79	34	7.01	146.26
Jeremy Moses, Stephen F. Austin	JR	13	566	385	68.02	21	3.71	4124	7.29	40	7.07	145.13
Derrick Fourroux, McNeese State	SR	12	322	206	63.98	7	2.17	2477	7.69	20	6.21	144.74
Malcolm Long, South Carolina State	JR	12	325	210	64.62	10	3.08	2507	7.71	20	6.15	143.57
Cade Cooper, Southern Utah	SR	11	423	276	65.25	12	2.84	2988	7.06	31	7.33	143.10
Scott Riddle, Elon	JR	12	439	285	64.92	7	1.59	3345	7.62	23	5.24	143.03
Brian Babin, Southeastern Louisiana	SR	10	354	220	62.15	8	2.26	2602	7.35	25	7.06	142.67
Thomas DeMarco, Old Dominion	SO	11	255	137	53.73	4	1.57	1915	7.51	21	8.24	140.85
Blake Joseph, Sam Houston State	SR	10	295	180	61.02	8	2.71	2440	8.27	14	4.75	140.73
Curtis Pulley, Florida A&M	SR	10	226	137	60.62	6	2.65	1824	8.07	12	5.31	140.63
Bradley George, Texas State	SR	11	409	258	63.08	11	2.69	3121	7.63	23	5.62	140.36
Steve Valentino, Dayton	SR	11	286	170	59.44	8	2.80	2376	8.31	14	4.90	139.78
Bryant Lee, Southern	SR	11	345	207	60.00	10	2.90	2565	7.43	24	6.96	139.61

TOTAL OFFENSE

			RUSHING				PASSING		TOTAL OFFENSE			
	YEAR	G	CAR	GAIN	LOSS	NET	ATT	YDS	PLAYS	YDS	YDS/PL	YDS/G
Dominic Randolph, Holy Cross	SR	12	113	612	132	480	485	3776	598	4256	7.12	354.67
John Skelton, Fordham	SR	11	86	346	224	122	441	3708	527	3830	7.27	348.18
Armanti Edwards, Appalachian State	SR	12	137	854	175	679	378	3291	515	3970	7.71	330.83
Matt Nichols, Eastern Washington	SR	12	69	264	162	102	458	3830	527	3932	7.46	327.67
Jeremy Moses, Stephen F. Austin	JR	13	48	151	108	43	566	4124	614	4167	6.79	320.54
Michael Herrick, Northern Arizona	JR	11	31	51	126	-75	407	3356	438	3281	7.49	298.27
Bradley George, Texas State	SR	11	37	122	96	26	409	3121	446	3147	7.06	286.09
Cade Cooper, Southern Utah	SR	11	75	310	155	155	423	2988	498	3143	6.31	285.73
Steve Valentino, Dayton	SR	11	164	861	139	722	286	2376	450	3098	6.88	281.64
Kyle Newhall-Caballero, Brown	JR	10	65	249	144	105	413	2709	478	2814	5.89	281.40
Robert Curley, Lafayette	SR	11	44	196	151	45	336	3044	380	3089	8.13	280.82
Ryan Perrilloux, Jacksonville State	SR	10	98	611	168	443	236	2350	334	2793	8.36	279.30
Scott Riddle, Elon	JR	12	58	182	183	-1	439	3345	497	3344	6.73	278.67
Blake Joseph, Sam Houston State	SR	10	82	429	137	292	295	2440	377	2732	7.25	273.20
Curtis Pulley, Florida A&M	SR	10	122	1016	135	881	226	1824	348	2705	7.77	270.50
Cameron Higgins, Weber State	JR	12	34	36	158	-12	454	3321	488	3199	6.56	266.58
Greg Denham, UC Davis	JR	11	37	53	111	-58	440	2932	477	2874	6.03	261.27
Bryant Lee, Southern	SR	11	85	418	120	298	345	2565	430	2863	6.66	260.27
Derrick Fourroux, McNeese State	SR	12	130	722	86	636	322	2477	452	3113	6.89	259.42
Thomas DeMarco, Old Dominion	SO	11	162	975	77	898	255	1915	417	2813	6.75	255.73
Pat Devlin, Delaware	JR	11	84	294	167	127	344	2664	428	2791	6.52	253.73
Brian Babin, Southeastern Louisiana	SR	10	53	99	175	-76	354	2602	407	2526	6.21	252.60
Greg Sullivan, Colgate	JR	11	159	875	87	788	230	1952	389	2740	7.04	249.09
Tim Buckley, Alcorn State	SR	9	114	487	227	260	283	1949	397	2209	5.56	245.44
K.J. Black, Prairie View A&M	JR	9	56	255	85	170	230	2033	286	2203	7.70	244.78

ALL-PURPOSE YARDAGE

	YEAR	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KOR	PLAYS	YDS/PL	YDS	YDS/GM
Terrence Holt, Austin Peay	JR	11	793	187	199	1194	228	10.41	2373	215.73
Taiwan Jones, Eastern Washington	SO	12	1213	561	0	571	232	10.11	2345	195.42
Deji Karim, Southern Illinois	SR	13	1694	212	0	433	271	8.63	2339	179.92
Aaron Woods, Portland State	SR	11	-2	535	82	1314	109	17.70	1929	175.36
Bryan Walters, Cornell	SR	10	1	764	174	777	112	15.32	1716	171.60
Tim Maypray, VMI	SR	11	519	152	207	972	189	9.79	1850	168.18
Ulysses Banks, Alabama A&M	SR	11	1123	213	0	506	252	7.31	1842	167.45
Buddy Farnham, Brown	SR	10	20	1003	228	400	112	14.74	1651	165.10
Pat Paschall, North Dakota State	SR	10	1397	186	0	0	219	7.23	1583	158.30
David Sinisi, Monmouth	SR	11	1437	249	0	17	321	5.31	1703	154.82
Matt Szczur, Villanova	JR	15	813	610	0	816	189	11.85	2239	149.27
Oliver Young, South Carolina State	SR	12	0	995	218	548	98	17.97	1761	146.75
Jonathan Grimes, William & Mary	SO	14	1294	289	0	460	348	5.87	2043	145.93
Marc Mariani, Montana	SR	15	0	1479	507	199	118	18.52	2185	145.67
LaMarcus Coker, Hampton	SR	11	1027	202	0	308	227	6.77	1537	139.73
Bo Bolen, Weber State	FR	12	442	269	0	958	154	10.84	1669	139.08
Terrell Hudgins, Elon	SR	12	0	1633	0	0	123	13.28	1633	136.08
Alex Henderson, Northern Arizona	SR	11	1166	315	0	0	281	5.27	1481	134.64
JT Rogan, San Diego	SR	11	546	75	0	846	179	8.20	1467	133.36
LeRoy Vann, Florida A&M	SR	11	67	0	569	818	79	18.41	1454	132.18
Gerald Stevenson, Charleston Southern	JR	11	364	724	0	364	126	11.52	1452	132.00
A.J. Kizekai, Bucknell	SR	9	281	257	14	618	126	9.29	1170	130.00
Tim Toone, Weber State	SR	12	2	1104	378	69	106	14.65	1553	129.42
JD Ponciano, Idaho State	SR	9	11	393	15	741	80	14.50	1160	128.89
Mike Brown, Liberty	SO	11	442	698	62	215	156	9.08	1417	128.82

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

	YEAR	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/G
Terrell Hudgins, Elon	SR	12	123	1633	16	10.25
Tysson Poots, Southern Utah	JR	9	85	1081	15	9.44
Duane Brooks, Stephen F. Austin	SR	13	118	1076	6	9.08
Eyad Salem, Illinois State	SR	11	92	943	6	8.36
Chris Carter, UC Davis	SR	11	85	889	4	7.73
Blue Cooper, Chattanooga	SR	11	84	824	7	7.64
Buddy Farnham, Brown	SR	10	74	1003	11	7.40
Juamorris Stewart, Southern	SR	11	81	1028	11	7.36
Da'Marcus Griggs, Texas State	JR	11	80	969	8	7.27
Jason Caldwell, Fordham	SR	11	79	1252	9	7.18
Fesi Sitake, Southern Utah	JR	11	79	848	9	7.18
Landis Williams, Maine	SR	10	71	798	9	7.10
Andre Roberts, Citadel	SR	11	77	792	8	7.00
Donald Jones, Youngstown State	SR	11	77	790	6	7.00
Tim Toone, Weber State	SR	12	83	1104	10	6.92
Ed Berry, Northern Arizona	SR	11	75	1075	7	6.82
Adam Mims, Furman	JR	11	74	878	4	6.73
Steve Tedesco, Sacred Heart	SR	10	67	865	11	6.70
Bobby Sewall, Brown	SR	10	66	585	4	6.60
Conrad Meadows, Northern Arizona	SR	11	72	843	4	6.55

INTERCEPTIONS PER GAME

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	TD	INT/G
Jason House, Southern	JR	11	10	230	1	0.91
Kerry Hoskins, Jackson State	SR	9	7	68	0	0.78
Josh Norman, Coastal Carolina	SO	11	8	72	0	0.73
Jeremy Caldwell, Eastern Kentucky	SO	10	7	84	1	0.70
Kevin Thornton, Arkansas-Pine Bluff	SR	10	6	156	2	0.60
Ryan Rich, Jackson State	JR	10	6	71	0	0.60
E.J. Jones, Illinois State	JR	10	6	34	0	0.60
B.W. Webb, William & Mary	SO	14	8	160	2	0.57
Mark Giacomantonio, Butler	SO	9	5	45	0	0.56
Curtis Thomas, Texas Southern	JR	11	6	101	2	0.55
T.J. Heath, Jacksonville State	JR	11	6	81	2	0.55
Mike McElroy, Southern Illinois	JR	13	7	131	1	0.54
Mark LeGree, Appalachian State	JR	14	7	81	0	0.50
Matt Johnson, Eastern Washington	SO	12	6	58	1	0.50
Adam Mehrer, Columbia	JR	10	5	103	0	0.50
Justin Ferrell, N.C. A&T	SO	10	5	71	0	0.50
Terrence Klein, New Hampshire	SR	13	6	88	1	0.46
Korey Lindsey, Southern Illinois	JR	13	6	27	0	0.46
Christian Anthony, Grambling	SR	11	5	133	2	0.45
Quentin Scott, Northern Iowa	SR	11	5	131	1	0.45

SCORING

	YEAR	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PT/G
Toddrick Pendland, McNeese State	SR	11	19	0	0	118	10.73
Tysson Poots, Southern Utah	JR	9	15	0	0	90	10.00
Matt Bevins, Liberty	SO	11	0	41	22	107	9.73
Chase Reynolds, Montana	JR	15	24	0	0	144	9.60
Pat Paschall, North Dakota State	SR	10	16	0	0	96	9.60
Taiwan Jones, Eastern Washington	SO	12	19	0	0	114	9.50
Thomas DeMarco, Old Dominion	SO	11	17	0	0	104	9.45
David Sinisi, Monmouth	SR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Deji Karim, Southern Illinois	SR	13	20	0	0	120	9.23
Armanti Edwards, Appalachian State	SR	12	18	0	0	108	9.00
Armando Cuko, Massachusetts	SR	10	0	31	19	88	8.80
Evan Engwall, Stephen F. Austin	FR	13	0	51	20	111	8.54
Kyle Minett, South Dakota State	JR	12	17	0	0	102	8.50
Kyle Dougherty, Southern Illinois	JR	13	0	53	19	110	8.46
Zach Kutch, Illinois State	SR	11	0	25	22	91	8.27
Jason Vitaris, Appalachian State	JR	14	0	58	19	115	8.21
Ari Johnson, Grambling	FR	11	0	36	18	90	8.18
Terrence Holt, Austin Peay	JR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
James Mallory, Central Conn. State	SR	12	16	0	0	98	8.17
Devon Moore, Appalachian State	JR	14	19	0	0	114	8.14

RUSHING

	YEAR	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Pat Paschall, North Dakota State	SR	10	207	1397	6.75	16	139.70
David Sinisi, Monmouth	SR	11	300	1437	4.79	13	130.64
Deji Karim, Southern Illinois	SR	13	240	1694	7.06	18	130.31
James Mallory, Central Conn. State	SR	12	278	1352	4.86	16	112.67
Kyle Minett, South Dakota State	JR	12	270	1304	4.83	16	108.67
Alex Henderson, Northern Arizona	SR	11	253	1166	4.61	12	106.00
Chris Evans, Samford	JR	11	241	1152	4.78	7	104.73
Ulysses Banks, Alabama A&M	SR	11	214	1123	5.25	8	102.09
Taiwan Jones, Eastern Washington	SO	12	162	1213	7.49	15	101.08
Dre Gibbs, Western Illinois	SR	11	246	1110	4.51	6	100.91
Chase Reynolds, Montana	JR	15	321	1502	4.68	22	100.13
Ryan White, Austin Peay	JR	11	230	1081	4.70	4	98.27
Devon Moore, Appalachian State	JR	14	256	1374	5.37	19	98.14
Rudell Small, Jacksonville	JR	11	195	1074	5.51	9	97.64
Toddrick Pendland, McNeese State	SR	11	178	1059	5.95	17	96.27
Myles Russ, Robert Morris	JR	11	212	1059	5.00	2	96.27
LaMarcus Coker, Hampton	SR	11	197	1027	5.21	6	93.36
Jonathan Grimes, William & Mary	SO	14	277	1294	4.67	9	92.43
Donald Babers, Prairie View A&M	JR	10	180	919	5.11	9	91.90
John Griffin, Northeastern	JR	11	207	1009	4.87	5	91.73

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PUNT RETURNS *(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tim Toone, Weber State	SR	19	378	2	19.89
LeRoy Vann, Florida A&M	SR	29	569	5	19.62
Kiare Thompson, Grambling	JR	21	407	0	19.38
Deleon Hollinger, Savannah State	SR	12	191	0	15.92
Marc Mariani, Montana	SR	32	507	1	15.84
Andre Roberts, Citadel	SR	14	217	0	15.50
Fesi Sitake, Southern Utah	JR	14	207	1	14.79
Damon McDaniel, Hampton	SR	15	211	1	14.07
Alan Bonner, Jacksonville State	FR	27	375	1	13.89
Roderick Williams, Alcorn State	SR	13	180	0	13.85
Tim Maypray, VMI	SR	16	207	1	12.94
Justin Gannon, Albany (N.Y.)	SR	21	263	1	12.52
Terrence Holt, Austin Peay	JR	16	199	1	12.44
Quay Long, N.C. A&T	SO	18	206	1	11.44
Todd Speight, Western Illinois	JR	21	236	1	11.24
Champlain Babin, McNeese State	FR	15	164	0	10.93
Michael Lahart, Drake	JR	20	212	0	10.60
Buddy Farnham, Brown	SR	22	228	0	10.36
Derek Hatcher, Richmond	SR	28	286	1	10.21
JMichael Jonard, Dayton	SR	13	126	0	9.69

PUNTING *(MINIMUM OF 3.6 PUNTS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jonathan Plisco, Old Dominion	FR	11	62	2780	44.84
Jon Vanderwielen, Idaho State	SR	11	74	3308	44.70
Jahmal Blanchard, Hampton	SR	11	59	2590	43.90
Pedro Ventura, Prairie View A&M	JR	10	44	1928	43.82
Patrick Dolan, Nicholls State	JR	11	59	2521	42.73
Eric Fisher, Montana State	SR	9	46	1958	42.57
Scott Ravanesi, Southern Illinois	SR	13	54	2288	42.37
Kyle Negrete, San Diego	SO	11	55	2320	42.18
Kevin Cook, Eastern Illinois	JR	12	50	2100	42.00
Mike Snoy, Weber State	SR	12	50	2075	41.50
Tim Edger, Rhode Island	SO	11	71	2945	41.48
Drew Nelson, Stephen F. Austin	SO	13	53	2197	41.45
Bob Hooper, Samford	JR	11	73	3026	41.45
Josh Duran, Southern	JR	11	52	2146	41.27
Sean Wren, Montana	SO	15	58	2389	41.19
Tom Mante, Yale	SR	10	58	2389	41.19
Dean Priddy, South Dakota State	JR	12	60	2470	41.17
Kienan Cullen, Murray State	SO	11	68	2787	40.99
Doug Spada, Southeast Missouri State	SR	10	49	2005	40.92
Ben Nowicki, Youngstown State	SR	10	38	1543	40.61

FIELD GOALS

	YEAR	G	FGA	FGM	PCT	FG/G
Matt Bevins, Liberty	SO	11	26	22	.846	2.00
Zach Kutch, Illinois State	SR	11	29	22	.759	2.00
Armando Cuko, Massachusetts	SR	10	24	19	.792	1.90
Brian Pate, William & Mary	SR	14	35	23	.657	1.64
Ari Johnson, Grambling	FR	11	23	18	.783	1.64
Zach Brown, Portland State	SO	11	25	18	.720	1.64
Matt Myers, Northern Arizona	SO	11	24	17	.708	1.55
Evan Engwall, Stephen F. Austin	FR	13	28	20	.714	1.54
Kyle Dougherty, Southern Illinois	JR	13	25	19	.760	1.46
Craig Camay, Chattanooga	SR	11	19	16	.842	1.45
Adrian Mora, Georgia Southern	SO	11	22	16	.727	1.45
John Paglia, Charleston Southern	JR	11	22	16	.727	1.45
Adam Shreiner, Elon	FR	12	23	17	.739	1.42
Jason Cunningham, Montana State	SO	10	18	14	.778	1.40
Tom Manning, New Hampshire	SR	13	24	18	.750	1.38
Wesley Skiffington, Stony Brook	FR	11	17	15	.882	1.36
Ryan Griffith, Southern Utah	SR	11	18	15	.833	1.36
Jason Vitaris, Appalachian State	JR	14	28	19	.679	1.36
Herb Glass, Albany (N.Y.)	SO	9	18	12	.667	1.33
Kienan Cullen, Murray State	SO	11	17	14	.824	1.27

KICKOFF RETURNS *(MINIMUM OF 1.2 RETURNS PER GAME)*

	YEAR	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Mareo Howard, Arkansas-Pine Bluff	SO	13	403	1	31.00
Scotty McGee, James Madison	SR	21	640	0	30.48
Buddy Farnham, Brown	SR	14	400	1	28.57
Matt Szczur, Villanova	JR	30	816	1	27.20
Darrius Gates, Indiana State	JR	19	514	0	27.05
Garry Coles, Sacred Heart	SO	13	349	1	26.85
Marcus Harris, Murray State	JR	23	617	1	26.83
Frantz Placide, Wagner	JR	29	777	2	26.79
Andrew Smith, Albany (N.Y.)	FR	17	453	0	26.65
Travis Tarpley, Delaware State	FR	18	474	0	26.33
John Hendershott, Sacramento State	JR	14	366	0	26.14
Oliver Young, South Carolina State	SR	21	548	1	26.10
Stephon Shelton, Wofford	FR	22	568	0	25.82
Larrone Moore, Delaware State	JR	18	460	1	25.56
Shamen Washington, North Dakota State	SR	20	509	0	25.45
Terrence Holt, Austin Peay	JR	47	1194	1	25.40
Shawn Abuhoff, Dartmouth	SO	20	505	0	25.25
John Kennedy, Lehigh	JR	31	774	1	24.97
Nicholas Andrews, Alabama State	SO	18	447	0	24.83
Jabin Sambrano, Montana	SO	28	695	0	24.82

TEAM LEADERS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
VMI	11	578	3044	5.27	23	276.73
Wofford	11	563	2972	5.28	26	270.18
Colgate	11	606	2749	4.54	28	249.91
Villanova	15	691	3604	5.22	36	240.27
Southern Illinois	13	527	2874	5.45	31	221.08
North Dakota State	11	422	2418	5.73	25	219.82
Central Connecticut State	12	577	2633	4.56	28	219.42
McNeese State	12	467	2616	5.60	34	218.00
Old Dominion	11	469	2384	5.08	29	216.73
Appalachian State	14	587	2890	4.92	45	206.43
Nicholls State	11	506	2211	4.37	20	201.00
Grambling	11	473	2092	4.42	23	190.18
Campbell	11	463	2087	4.51	16	189.73
Northern Iowa	11	424	2080	4.91	20	189.09
Jacksonville State	11	435	2077	4.77	20	188.82
Southeast Missouri State	11	446	2020	4.53	16	183.64
Florida A&M	11	388	1985	5.12	21	180.45
James Madison	11	485	1985	4.09	14	180.45
Harvard	10	428	1787	4.18	18	178.70
Cal Poly	11	505	1963	3.89	13	178.45

RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
William & Mary	14	427	856	2.00	10	61.14
Penn	10	298	632	2.12	1	63.20
Villanova	15	431	1001	2.32	8	66.73
Morehead State	11	357	797	2.23	7	72.45
Richmond	13	376	1027	2.73	10	79.00
Harvard	10	294	827	2.81	12	82.70
Montana State	11	378	923	2.44	2	83.91
Drake	11	364	996	2.74	12	90.55
Northern Iowa	11	357	1051	2.94	4	95.55
South Carolina State	12	446	1179	2.64	8	98.25
Lafayette	11	346	1096	3.17	13	99.64
Alabama A&M	12	372	1202	3.23	12	100.17
Dayton	11	331	1128	3.41	8	102.55
South Dakota State	12	398	1252	3.15	11	104.33
Elon	12	407	1253	3.08	7	104.42
Marist	11	348	1158	3.33	11	105.27
Brown	10	297	1069	3.60	7	106.90
Alabama State	11	350	1191	3.40	11	108.27
Montana	15	484	1630	3.37	12	108.67
Jackson State	10	357	1092	3.06	8	109.20

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Fordham	11	852	44	6.31	44	488.82
Stephen F. Austin	13	983	56	6.20	56	468.92
Appalachian State	14	1017	58	6.40	58	465.07
Eastern Washington	12	848	56	6.54	56	462.17
Northern Arizona	11	780	39	6.20	39	439.45
Holy Cross	12	809	52	6.43	52	433.58
McNeese State	12	799	57	6.51	57	433.25
Jacksonville State	11	734	53	6.46	53	431.09
Montana	15	1077	70	5.95	70	427.40
Colgate	11	836	48	5.62	48	427.36
Elon	12	886	45	5.76	45	424.92
Texas State	11	768	48	6.05	48	422.18
Northern Iowa	11	719	46	6.38	46	417.27
Tennessee-Martin	11	805	42	5.59	42	409.36
Lafayette	11	732	42	6.11	42	406.91
Southern Utah	11	794	46	5.61	46	404.73
North Dakota State	11	691	43	6.37	43	400.09
Old Dominion	11	737	52	5.95	52	398.55
Weber State	12	849	43	5.63	43	398.25
Brown	10	734	33	5.40	33	396.60

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/G
Penn	10	599	2176	3.63	12	217.60
William & Mary	14	839	3217	3.83	22	229.79
Dayton	11	640	2669	4.17	20	242.64
Elon	12	731	2980	4.08	18	248.33
South Carolina State	12	776	3059	3.94	21	254.92
Norfolk State	11	656	2921	4.45	24	265.55
Morehead State	11	689	2929	4.25	29	266.27
Jackson State	10	622	2667	4.29	24	266.70
Northern Iowa	11	689	2939	4.27	16	267.18
Marist	11	669	3023	4.52	24	274.82
Robert Morris	11	718	3039	4.23	25	276.27
Drake	11	717	3041	4.24	25	276.45
Hampton	11	644	3059	4.75	28	278.09
Bethune-Cookman	11	650	3067	4.72	31	278.82
Samford	11	697	3129	4.49	25	284.45
James Madison	11	703	3150	4.48	26	286.36
South Dakota State	12	818	3474	4.25	26	289.50
Harvard	10	657	2906	4.42	23	290.60
Alabama A&M	12	716	3488	4.87	34	290.67
Richmond	13	831	3788	4.56	26	291.38

TURNOVER MARGIN

	GAINED			LOST			
	FUM	INT	GAINED	FUM	INT	LOST	MARGIN/G
Liberty	12	17	29	3	5	8	1.91
Southern	14	23	37	8	11	19	1.64
Old Dominion	15	15	30	7	7	14	1.45
Jacksonville State	18	9	27	8	4	12	1.36
Southern Illinois	10	23	33	7	9	16	1.31
Eastern Washington	15	17	32	11	6	17	1.25
Montana	11	26	37	9	10	19	1.20
N.C. A&T	13	14	27	5	10	15	1.20
Grambling	18	17	35	11	11	22	1.18
South Carolina State	15	18	33	7	12	19	1.17
Cal Poly	12	15	27	8	8	16	1.00
New Hampshire	11	21	32	7	12	19	1.00
Gardner-Webb	13	12	25	10	5	15	0.91
Rhode Island	15	11	26	9	7	16	0.91
Prairie View A&M	11	11	22	7	6	13	0.90
Villanova	8	18	26	8	5	13	0.87
Elon	11	14	25	8	7	15	0.83
Stony Brook	14	12	26	5	12	17	0.82
William & Mary	11	16	27	7	9	16	0.79
Tennessee Tech	6	15	21	5	8	13	0.73

PASSING OFFENSE

	G	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/CMP	TD	YDS/G
Stephen F. Austin	13	600	410	22	68.33	4468	10.90	44	343.69
Fordham	11	443	284	10	64.11	3708	13.06	26	337.09
Eastern Washington	12	469	304	6	64.82	3855	12.68	33	321.25
Holy Cross	12	488	312	15	63.93	3779	12.11	34	314.92
Northern Arizona	11	420	276	8	65.71	3394	12.30	23	308.55
Elon	12	460	296	7	64.35	3498	11.82	25	291.50
Texas State	11	420	264	11	62.86	3178	12.04	24	288.91
Weber State	12	463	296	21	63.93	3395	11.47	31	282.92
SE Louisiana	11	444	266	10	59.91	3112	11.70	30	282.91
Southern Utah	11	437	284	13	64.99	3103	10.93	33	282.09
Lafayette	11	345	235	13	68.12	3049	12.97	28	277.18
UC Davis	11	450	280	8	62.22	3020	10.79	22	274.55
Brown	10	417	259	14	62.11	2709	10.46	18	270.90
Montana	15	494	303	10	61.34	4008	13.23	36	267.20
Appalachian State	14	430	284	9	66.05	3621	12.75	12	258.64
Jacksonville	11	338	188	8	55.62	2772	14.74	32	252.00
Texas Southern	11	402	233	13	57.96	2749	11.80	14	249.91
Maine	11	385	248	18	64.42	2724	10.98	21	247.64
Portland State	11	384	210	23	54.69	2723	12.97	14	247.55
Illinois State	11	410	272	8	66.34	2710	9.96	13	246.36

PASS-EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	G	ATT	COMP	PCT	INT	INT%	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	RATING
Dayton	11	309	151	48.87	9	2.91	1541	4.99	11	3.56	96.71
Penn	10	301	156	51.83	11	3.65	1544	5.13	9	2.99	97.45
Bethune-Cookman	11	274	127	46.35	11	4.01	1568	5.72	10	3.65	98.48
South Dakota State	12	420	241	57.38	18	4.29	2222	5.29	8	1.90	99.55
Robert Morris	11	287	145	50.52	16	5.57	1599	5.57	12	4.18	99.95
Elon	12	324	176	54.32	14	4.32	1727	5.33	10	3.09	100.62
South Carolina State	12	330	177	53.64	18	5.45	1880	5.70	11	3.33	101.55
Prairie View	10	320	162	50.63	11	3.44	1934	6.04	7	2.19	101.71
Jackson State	10	265	130	49.06	18	6.79	1575	5.94	14	5.28	102.87
Jacksonville State	11	272	138	50.74	9	3.31	1704	6.26	6	2.21	103.99
William & Mary	14	412	228	55.34	16	3.88	2361	5.73	12	2.91	105.28
Texas Southern	11	321	164	51.09	19	5.92	1862	5.80	17	5.30	105.46
N.C. A&T	10	230	107	46.52	14	6.09	1556	6.77	10	4.35	105.50
Harvard	10	363	204	56.20	14	3.86	2079	5.73	10	2.75	105.69
New Hampshire	13	414	229	55.31	21	5.07	2356	5.69	16	3.86	105.71
Norfolk State	11	257	135	52.53	15	5.84	1552	6.04	12	4.67	106.96
Columbia	10	331	173	52.27	20	6.04	2060	6.22	16	4.83	108.45
Southern Illinois	13	424	237	55.90	23	5.42	2654	6.26	14	3.30	108.53
Butler	12	365	196	53.70	18	4.93	2265	6.21	14	3.84	108.62
Tennessee State	11	327	165	50.46	11	3.36	2037	6.23	13	3.98	109.22

SCORING OFFENSE

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
Liberty	11	400	48	36.36
Montana	15	537	70	35.80
McNeese State	12	420	57	35.00
Jacksonville State	11	385	53	35.00
Old Dominion	11	385	52	35.00
Stephen F. Austin	13	453	56	34.85
Southern Illinois	13	442	55	34.00
Eastern Washington	12	404	56	33.67
Grambling	11	368	45	33.45
Northern Iowa	11	367	46	33.36
Southern Utah	11	366	46	33.27
Appalachian State	14	465	58	33.21
Holy Cross	12	386	52	32.17
Jacksonville	11	351	49	31.91
Texas State	11	351	48	31.91
New Hampshire	13	414	51	31.85
Villanova	15	471	62	31.40
SE Louisiana	11	344	43	31.27
Colgate	11	342	48	31.09
Furman	11	340	45	30.91

SCORING DEFENSE

	G	PTS	TD	AVG
Penn	10	95	12	9.50
William & Mary	14	169	22	12.07
Elon	12	158	18	13.17
Northern Iowa	11	145	16	13.18
Dayton	11	150	20	13.64
Villanova	15	211	25	14.07
South Carolina State	12	187	21	15.58
Southern Illinois	13	207	25	15.92
Richmond	13	212	26	16.31
Prairie View	10	166	22	16.60
Yale	10	166	22	16.60
Drake	11	188	25	17.09
Jacksonville State	11	188	24	17.09
Marist	11	188	24	17.09
Harvard	10	172	23	17.20
South Dakota State	12	209	26	17.42
Samford	11	192	25	17.45
Robert Morris	11	193	25	17.55
Jackson State	10	189	24	18.90
James Madison	11	208	26	18.91
Tennessee State	11	208	26	18.91

2009 RECAP

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

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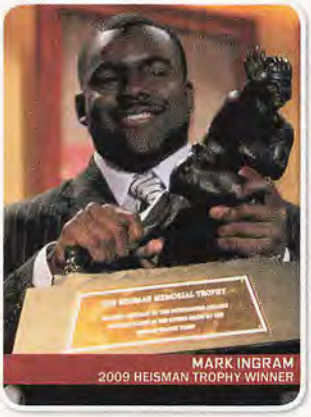

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	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
ATLANTIC COAST								
ATLANTIC DIVISION								
Clemson	6	2	268	169	9	5	436	286
Boston College	5	3	174	196	8	5	322	257
Florida State	4	4	268	278	7	6	391	390
Wake Forest	3	5	226	254	5	7	316	315
N.C. State	2	6	213	315	5	7	364	374
Maryland	1	7	161	222	2	10	256	375
COASTAL DIVISION								
Georgia Tech	7	1	261	180	11	3	473	347
Virginia Tech	6	2	269	127	10	3	414	203
Miami (Fla.)	5	3	253	215	9	4	394	288
North Carolina	4	4	167	158	8	5	309	222
Duke	3	5	186	239	5	7	302	340
Virginia	2	6	123	216	3	9	232	316
BIG EAST								
Cincinnati	7	0	266	159	12	1	502	300
Pittsburgh	5	2	221	136	10	3	417	257
West Virginia	5	2	162	137	9	4	340	282
Rutgers	3	4	159	164	9	4	375	233
Connecticut	3	4	237	210	8	5	405	307
South Florida	3	4	156	196	8	5	344	257
Louisville	1	6	100	208	4	8	217	315
Syracuse	1	6	121	212	4	8	254	335
BIG TEN								
Ohio State	7	1	222	101	11	2	377	163
Iowa	6	2	174	129	11	2	301	200
Penn State	6	2	214	119	11	2	375	159
Wisconsin	5	3	236	194	10	3	413	283
Northwestern	5	3	178	199	8	5	337	318
Michigan State	4	4	205	222	6	7	386	342
Purdue	4	4	204	228	5	7	334	349
Minnesota	3	5	179	214	6	7	272	309
Illinois	2	6	148	206	3	9	290	362
Michigan	1	7	177	266	5	7	354	330
Indiana	1	7	195	254	4	8	282	354
BIG 12								
NORTH								
Nebraska	6	2	150	105	10	4	352	146
Missouri	4	4	217	233	8	5	377	330
Kansas State	4	4	182	216	6	6	276	280
Iowa State	3	5	151	195	7	6	267	284
Colorado	2	6	164	234	3	9	267	346
Kansas	1	7	191	287	5	7	353	341
SOUTH								
Texas	8	0	317	145	13	1	550	234
Oklahoma State	6	2	206	176	9	4	369	282
Texas Tech	5	3	271	181	9	4	481	292
Oklahoma	5	3	231	127	8	5	404	189
Texas A&M	3	5	253	290	6	7	427	436
Baylor	1	7	104	248	4	8	249	327
CONFERENCE USA								
EAST DIVISION								
East Carolina	7	1	254	149	9	5	378	307
UCF	6	2	255	145	8	5	340	293
Southern Miss	5	3	256	200	7	6	428	336
Marshall	4	4	197	185	7	6	283	320
UAB	4	4	231	228	5	7	333	388
Memphis	1	7	165	272	2	10	262	418
WEST DIVISION								
Houston	6	2	379	242	10	4	591	421
SMU	6	2	228	219	8	5	380	359
Tulsa	3	5	230	242	5	7	351	328
UTEP	3	5	289	269	4	8	358	402
Rice	2	6	154	322	2	10	219	519
Tulane	1	7	131	296	3	9	193	440
MID-AMERICAN								
EAST								
Ohio	7	1	222	160	9	5	347	298
Temple	7	1	279	165	9	4	384	290
Bowling Green	6	2	253	207	7	6	370	357
Kent State	4	4	177	170	5	7	231	269
Buffalo	3	5	182	188	5	7	289	285
Akron	2	6	148	248	3	9	231	345
Miami (OH)	1	7	168	267	1	11	187	410
WEST								
Central Michigan	8	0	318	137	12	2	475	265
Northern Illinois	5	3	249	164	7	6	372	281
Western Michigan	4	4	232	217	5	7	296	330
Toledo	3	5	230	293	5	7	356	452
Ball State	2	6	157	217	2	10	230	338
Eastern Michigan	0	8	115	297	0	12	197	459
MOUNTAIN WEST								
TCU	8	0	349	90	12	1	498	166
BYU	7	1	286	173	11	2	461	280
Utah	6	2	238	160	10	3	388	263
Air Force	5	3	206	141	8	5	386	204
Wyoming	4	4	134	212	7	6	238	355
UNLV	3	5	177	267	5	7	298	389
San Diego State	2	6	177	263	4	8	280	366
New Mexico	1	7	135	278	1	11	196	431
Colorado State	0	8	149	267	3	9	260	358
PAC-10								
Oregon	8	1	375	204	10	3	469	309
Arizona	6	3	286	228	8	5	356	311
Oregon State	6	3	314	225	8	5	409	325
Stanford	6	3	330	235	8	5	461	345
USC	5	4	212	200	9	4	344	258
California	5	4	205	253	8	5	378	331
Washington	4	5	218	229	5	7	313	320
UCLA	3	6	181	217	7	6	286	276
Arizona State	2	7	163	216	4	8	268	253
Washington State	0	9	80	357	1	11	144	462
SOUTHEASTERN								
EAST								
Florida	8	0	221	96	13	1	502	174
Tennessee	4	4	199	175	7	6	381	289
Georgia	4	4	234	252	8	5	376	337
South Carolina	3	5	144	195	7	6	268	265
Kentucky	3	5	180	222	7	6	339	295
Vanderbilt	0	8	71	191	2	10	196	280
WEST								
Alabama	8	0	208	85	14	0	449	164
LSU	5	3	178	150	9	4	323	211
Ole Miss	4	4	180	176	9	4	384	230
Arkansas	3	5	234	233	8	5	468	326
Auburn	3	5	200	219	8	5	433	358
Mississippi State	3	5	180	235	5	7	307	321
SUN BELT								
Troy	8	0	330	186	9	4	438	387
Middle Tennessee	7	1	291	167	10	3	416	308
Louisiana-Monroe	5	3	202	195	6	6	307	328
Florida Atlantic	5	3	253	232	5	7	329	405
Louisiana-Lafayette	4	4	204	244	6	6	266	364
Arkansas State	3	5	168	196	4	8	272	279
Florida International	3	5	212	258	3	9	275	424
North Texas	1	7	249	316	2	10	319	427
Western Kentucky	0	8	196	311	0	12	245	475
WESTERN ATHLETIC								
Boise State	8	0	396	171	14	0	591	240
Nevada	7	1	383	197	8	5	497	371
Fresno State	6	2	257	220	8	5	440	369
Idaho	4	4	260	304	8	5	425	468
Hawaii	3	5	166	241	6	7	296	383
Louisiana Tech	3	5	259	203	4	8	350	309
Utah State	3	5	232	266	4	8	349	408
New Mexico State	1	7	79	259	3	10	149	411
San Jose State	1	7	112	283	2	10	165	414
INDEPENDENTS								
Navy					10	4	392	272
Notre Dame					6	6	361	311
Army					5	7	184	263

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	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BIG SKY								
Montana	8	0	290	164	14	1	537	285
Eastern Washington	6	2	288	184	8	4	404	329
Weber State	6	2	246	155	7	5	338	260
Montana State	5	3	200	156	7	4	257	244
Northern Arizona	4	4	254	216	5	6	327	327
Sacramento State	4	4	221	267	5	6	274	371
Northern Colorado	1	7	147	210	3	8	202	288
Portland State	1	7	160	294	2	9	232	372
Idaho State	1	7	117	277	1	10	142	424
BIG SOUTH								
Liberty	5	1	271	123	8	3	400	210
Stony Brook	5	1	182	121	6	5	267	256
Charleston Southern	4	2	170	150	6	5	268	323
Gardner-Webb	3	3	138	158	6	5	305	277
Coastal Carolina	3	3	133	168	5	6	205	280
VMI	1	5	115	179	2	9	225	338
Presbyterian	0	6	136	246	0	11	214	441
COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION								
NORTH								
New Hampshire	6	2	267	171	10	3	414	274
Maine	4	4	169	161	5	6	243	249
Hofstra	3	5	165	194	5	6	232	252
Massachusetts	3	5	190	199	5	6	295	244
Northeastern	3	5	130	239	3	8	172	373
Rhode Island	0	8	161	298	1	10	232	406
SOUTH								
Villanova	7	1	271	98	14	1	471	211
Richmond	7	1	231	110	11	2	389	212
William & Mary	6	2	205	109	11	3	366	169
Delaware	4	4	202	185	6	5	282	237
James Madison	4	4	139	144	6	5	242	208
Towson	1	7	104	326	2	9	148	402
GREAT WEST								
UC Davis	3	1	110	109	6	5	272	300
North Dakota	2	2	88	92	6	5	250	307
South Dakota	2	2	130	120	5	5	325	272
Southern Utah	2	2	135	114	5	6	366	340
Cal Poly	1	3	99	127	4	7	258	303
IVY LEAGUE								
Pennsylvania	7	0	173	58	8	2	214	95
Harvard	6	1	186	96	7	3	252	172
Brown	4	3	159	125	6	4	241	197
Columbia	3	4	151	146	4	6	225	220
Princeton	3	4	91	192	4	6	129	265
Yale	2	5	121	125	4	6	173	166
Dartmouth	2	5	118	170	2	8	161	282
Cornell	1	6	88	175	2	8	171	268
MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC								
South Carolina State	8	0	277	88	10	2	365	187
Florida A&M	6	2	227	163	8	3	308	233
Norfolk State	5	3	222	153	7	4	293	211
Morgan State	4	4	147	173	6	5	175	233
Bethune-Cookman	4	4	124	184	5	6	174	244
Hampton	3	5	144	145	5	6	215	213
North Carolina A&T	3	5	117	153	5	6	166	208
Delaware State	3	5	131	151	4	7	178	262
Howard	0	8	85	264	2	9	113	323
MISSOURI VALLEY								
Southern Illinois	8	0	262	114	11	2	442	207
South Dakota State	7	1	214	105	8	4	333	209
Northern Iowa	5	3	255	121	7	4	367	145
Illinois State	5	3	194	197	6	5	255	280
Missouri State	4	4	148	174	6	5	217	246
Youngstown State	4	4	153	163	6	5	232	243
North Dakota State	2	6	200	205	3	8	321	315
Indiana State	1	7	69	303	1	10	99	390
Western Illinois	0	8	82	195	1	10	154	304
NORTHEAST								
Central Connecticut St.	7	1	213	173	9	3	300	268
Albany	6	2	239	124	7	4	292	213
Wagner	5	3	227	228	6	5	338	342
Robert Morris	5	3	164	132	5	6	214	193
Bryant	4	4	141	105	5	6	191	190
Monmouth	4	4	155	151	5	6	226	238
Duquesne	2	6	154	239	3	8	202	296
Sacred Heart	2	6	171	212	2	8	204	295
St. Francis (Pa.)	1	7	127	227	2	9	172	281
OHIO VALLEY								
Jacksonville State	6	1	254	109	8	3	385	188
Eastern Illinois	6	2	210	149	8	4	282	255
Tennessee Tech	5	3	209	189	6	5	267	286
Eastern Kentucky	5	3	190	160	5	6	222	240
Tennessee-Martin	4	4	216	258	5	6	300	323
Tennessee State	3	4	111	125	4	7	161	208
Austin Peay	3	5	180	219	4	7	242	318
Murray State	2	6	117	235	3	8	200	345
Southeast Missouri St.	1	7	141	184	2	9	240	299
PATRIOT LEAGUE								
Holy Cross	5	1	172	131	9	3	386	279
Lafayette	4	2	192	142	8	3	315	231
Colgate	4	2	184	158	9	2	342	246
Lehigh	4	2	164	116	4	7	230	234
Fordham	2	4	150	143	5	6	314	287
Bucknell	2	4	88	143	4	7	162	260
Georgetown	0	6	44	161	0	11	106	309
PIONEER FOOTBALL LEAGUE								
Butler	7	1	171	163	11	1	332	229
Dayton	7	1	219	106	9	2	274	150
Drake	6	2	227	137	8	3	289	188
Jacksonville	6	2	284	154	7	4	351	233
Marist	5	3	159	138	7	4	229	188
San Diego	3	5	173	159	4	7	241	239
Davidson	3	5	124	137	3	7	124	235
Campbell	2	6	121	224	3	8	214	315
Morehead State	1	7	118	187	3	8	192	238
Valparaiso	0	8	71	262	1	10	121	344
SOUTHERN								
Appalachian State	8	0	279	155	11	3	465	313
Elon	7	1	248	100	9	3	365	158
Furman	5	3	252	210	6	5	340	346
Chattanooga	4	4	177	212	6	5	236	283
Georgia Southern	4	4	158	191	5	6	205	303
Samford	3	5	135	152	5	6	217	192
Citadel	2	6	161	218	4	7	251	286
Wofford	2	6	193	270	3	8	256	368
Western Carolina	1	7	111	206	2	9	155	285
SOUTHLAND								
Stephen F. Austin	6	1	189	121	10	3	453	297
McNeese State	6	1	252	177	9	3	420	327
Texas State	5	2	214	177	7	4	351	317
Southeastern Louisiana	4	3	215	214	6	5	344	337
Sam Houston State	3	4	181	235	5	6	301	371
Central Arkansas	2	5	182	136	5	7	315	205
Nicholls State	2	5	179	240	3	8	216	427
Northwestern State	0	7	101	213	0	11	158	401
SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC								
EAST								
Alabama A&M	4	3	142	139	7	5	269	260
Alcorn State	3	4	174	190	3	6	174	290
Jackson State	3	4	108	103	3	7	139	189
Alabama State	1	6	87	148	4	7	183	225
Mississippi Valley State	1	6	69	184	3	8	146	295
WEST								
Prairie View A&M	7	0	208	121	9	1	294	166
Grambling State	5	2	266	169	7	4	368	293
Texas Southern	5	2	184	144	6	5	277	302
Southern	3	4	172	175	6	5	335	257
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	3	4	140	177	5	5	226	246
INDEPENDENTS								
Old Dominion					9	2	385	253
North Carolina Central					4	7	282	301
Savannah State					2	8	202	324
Winston-Salem State					1	10	138	244

DIVISION II

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION								
EAST								
Bowie State	5	2	212	108	6	5	292	211
Elizabeth City State	5	2	220	160	7	4	357	274
Virginia Union	5	2	184	100	6	4	252	168
Virginia State	4	3	113	132	6	4	198	173
St. Paul's	3	4	79	115	4	5	103	173
WEST								
Fayetteville State	6	1	227	96	8	4	345	230
Shaw	5	2	319	121	8	2	421	177
St. Augustine's	4	3	178	175	4	6	240	263
Johnson C. Smith	2	5	111	209	3	7	187	323
Chowan	2	5	187	253	2	8	253	352
Livingstone	0	7	66	249	0	10	85	371
GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC								
Grand Valley State	9	1	369	149	13	2	538	266
Hillsdale	8	2	370	227	10	3	461	302
Saginaw Valley State	8	2	299	200	9	3	342	252
Northwood	7	3	276	213	7	3	276	213
Findlay	6	4	235	186	7	4	277	207
Northern Michigan	6	4	316	161	6	4	316	161
Ashland	6	4	292	277	6	5	299	287
Wayne State (Mich.)	5	5	291	307	6	5	322	320
Indianapolis	3	7	168	231	4	7	199	234
Michigan Tech	2	8	224	322	2	8	224	322
Ferris State	0	10	88	388	1	10	122	402
Tiffin	0	10	139	406	0	11	153	440

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GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Central Washington	6	0	175	76	12	1	354	155
Western Oregon	3	3	115	134	5	5	192	204
Dixie State	2	4	109	153	4	7	220	307
Humboldt State	1	5	131	167	5	5	276	220

GULF SOUTH

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
North Alabama	7	1	329	145	11	2	513	223
Arkansas Tech	6	2	336	213	9	2	465	262
West Alabama	5	3	230	204	8	5	401	385
Valdosta State	5	3	218	187	6	4	312	224
Ouachita Baptist	4	4	240	192	6	4	306	208
Delta State	4	4	212	184	5	5	271	215
Arkansas-Monticello	4	4	189	212	5	6	235	302
Harding	3	5	149	250	5	6	234	339
Henderson State	3	5	250	232	3	7	312	313
Southern Arkansas	2	6	126	210	3	7	159	273
West Georgia	1	7	91	341	1	9	128	406

LONE STAR

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
NORTH								
Southeastern Oklahoma	5	4	262	278	7	4	345	325
Texas A&M-Commerce	5	4	238	244	5	5	245	285
Central Oklahoma	4	5	251	295	4	7	287	368
Northeastern State	2	7	155	287	2	9	221	373
Southwestern Oklahoma	1	8	100	322	1	10	141	398
East Central	0	9	123	283	0	11	143	369
SOUTH								
Tarleton State	9	2	355	229	10	2	400	245
Texas A&M-Kingsville	8	3	379	314	9	3	407	331
Abilene Christian	7	3	289	197	9	3	366	221
Midwestern State	7	3	329	156	9	3	419	163
West Texas A&M	6	3	318	211	6	5	351	282
Angelo State	6	4	289	233	6	5	317	281
Eastern New Mexico	2	7	316	355	3	8	374	413

MID-AMERICA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
NW Missouri State	9	0	427	163	10	1	490	196
Missouri Western	6	3	333	260	8	3	417	288
Central Missouri	6	3	265	217	8	3	354	258
Washburn	6	3	340	201	8	3	449	236
Nebraska-Omaha	6	3	286	236	7	4	362	267
Fort Hays State	4	5	289	364	6	5	365	402
Pittsburg State	3	6	240	280	5	6	323	306
Missouri Southern	3	6	226	309	3	7	241	326
Emporia State	1	8	164	330	2	9	233	379
Truman State	1	8	123	333	2	9	190	371

NORTHEAST-10

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Merrimack	6	2	292	220	7	3	349	278
Bentley	6	2	179	133	8	2	236	163
Southern Connecticut	6	2	312	155	6	4	343	202
Assumption	5	3	230	182	6	4	309	229
New Haven	4	4	218	267	5	5	264	319
Stonehill	4	4	178	219	5	5	237	282
American International	3	5	163	173	5	5	242	213
St. Anselm	1	7	159	289	2	8	213	341
Pace	1	7	151	244	1	9	185	304

NORTHERN SUN

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
NORTH								
Minnesota-Duluth	10	0	436	119	11	2	498	163
Bemidji State	7	3	321	205	8	3	361	225
St. Cloud	7	3	339	209	7	4	366	243
Mary	5	5	237	254	5	6	251	284
Northern State	2	8	191	324	2	9	205	373
Minnesota St.-Moorhead	1	9	116	433	2	9	132	439
Minnesota-Crookston	0	10	107	455	1	10	154	476
SOUTH								
Minnesota State	9	1	403	193	10	2	458	233
Wayne State (Neb.)	7	3	337	232	8	3	358	248
Augustana	7	3	309	211	8	3	341	232
Winona State	6	4	350	258	7	4	367	270
SW Minnesota State	4	6	341	271	5	6	396	281
Concordia-St. Paul	3	7	229	381	3	8	250	405
Upper Iowa	2	8	270	441	3	8	335	447

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EASTERN								
Shippensburg	6	1	234	156	9	3	393	272
Bloomsburg	5	2	200	113	8	3	251	147
West Chester	5	2	262	112	7	4	373	190
C.W. Post	5	2	250	130	6	5	320	224
East Stroudsburg	4	3	180	150	8	4	352	267
Millersville	2	5	138	321	3	8	211	425
Kutztown	1	6	158	225	3	8	256	305
Cheyney	0	7	73	288	0	11	129	436
WESTERN								
California (Pa.)	7	0	286	111	11	4	534	341
Clarion	6	1	213	136	8	3	315	239
Edinboro	5	2	192	164	9	4	401	366
Slippery Rock	3	4	160	175	6	5	277	294
Gannon	3	4	175	194	6	5	271	282
Mercyhurst	3	4	136	146	4	7	214	254
Indiana (Pa.)	1	6	147	165	5	6	253	235
Lock Haven	0	7	33	251	0	10	55	370

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nebraska-Kearney	9	0	381	124	11	2	470	235
Colorado Mines	8	1	329	171	8	3	364	229
Chadron State	6	3	283	145	7	4	326	200
Colorado St.-Pueblo	6	3	260	157	7	4	316	214
Adams State	5	4	212	237	5	6	264	310
Mesa State	5	4	226	181	5	6	240	226
Western State	3	6	185	250	3	8	202	333
Western New Mexico	1	8	247	427	2	8	295	460
Fort Lewis	1	8	156	342	2	9	189	413
New Mexico Highlands	1	8	146	391	1	10	167	514

SOUTH ATLANTIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Carson-Newman	7	0	328	141	11	3	537	324
Wingate	5	2	252	224	7	3	336	279
Mars Hill	4	3	191	209	6	4	253	281
Newberry	4	3	206	163	6	4	280	224
Brevard	3	4	83	200	7	4	243	240
Lenoir-Rhyne	2	5	153	159	5	6	293	241
Tusculum	2	5	206	277	3	7	294	392
Catawba	1	6	141	187	4	6	238	214

SOUTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Cincinnati	7	0	266	159	12	1	502	300
Pittsburgh	5	2	221	136	10	3	417	257
West Virginia	5	2	162	137	9	4	340	282
Rutgers	3	4	159	164	9	4	375	233
Connecticut	3	4	237	210	8	5	405	307
South Florida	3	4	156	196	8	5	344	257
Louisville	1	6	100	208	4	8	217	315
Syracuse	1	6	121	212	4	8	254	335

WEST VIRGINIA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
West Liberty State	8	0	356	217	11	2	615	424
Charleston	6	2	324	168	9	2	432	230
Glenville State	6	2	253	212	7	4	297	280
Shepherd	5	3	258	174	6	4	313	220
Concord	4	4	241	261	6	5	365	343
Fairmont State	3	5	163	208	3	8	215	306
West Virginia State	2	6	125	266	3	7	152	315
West Virginia Wesleyan	2	6	196	287	2	8	222	352
Seton Hill	0	8	218	341	1	10	287	442

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L	PF	PA
UNC Pembroke	9	2	369	166
Lake Erie	7	4	319	273
Southwest Baptist	6	5	373	326
Urbana	6	5	243	268
Incarnate Word	5	5	291	311
Panhandle State (Okla.)	5	6	337	408
North Greenville (S.C.)	2	8	101	287

DIVISION III

AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Mary Hardin-Baylor	7	1	336	92	10	2	462	192
Mississippi College	7	1	308	202	9	3	446	379
Louisiana College	6	2	308	204	7	3	388	259
Hardin-Simmons	5	3	187	169	6	4	257	237
McMurry	4	4	198	263	4	6	251	324
East Texas Baptist	3	5	183	226	3	7	199	290
Howard Payne	2	6	200	291	4	6	279	315
Sul Ross State	2	6	163	241	2	8	224	320
Texas Lutheran	0	8	130	325	0	10	169	400

ATLANTIC CENTRAL

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wesley	3	0	113	31	14	1	501	171
Salisbury	2	1	123	56	5	6	294	281
Frostburg State	1	2	73	108	1	9	197	350
Apprentice School	0	3	37	151	1	9	180	363

DIVISION III

CENTENNIAL

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Johns Hopkins	7	1	292	112	10	3	388	214
Franklin & Marshall	6	2	234	180	9	2	334	252
Dickinson	6	2	242	169	8	2	320	219
Ursinus	6	2	242	160	6	5	279	250
McDaniel	3	5	138	215	5	5	211	269
Gettysburg	3	5	257	209	3	7	342	302
Muhlenberg	2	6	93	137	3	7	122	158
Moravian	2	6	63	163	2	8	66	219
Juniata	1	7	55	271	1	9	68	326

COLLEGE CONFERENCE OF ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Illinois Wesleyan	6	1	179	81	10	2	350	199
North Central (Ill.)	6	1	347	140	8	2	490	186
Carthage	4	3	260	267	7	3	370	344
Wheaton (Ill.)	4	3	198	119	7	3	313	168
Augustana	4	3	190	126	6	4	270	167
Millikin	3	4	138	236	6	4	254	284
Elmhurst	1	6	160	219	4	6	232	248
North Park	0	7	68	352	1	9	119	437

EMPIRE EIGHT

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alfred	4	1	188	134	8	2	370	233
St. John Fisher	4	1	192	85	7	3	346	235
Springfield	3	2	160	132	8	2	395	211
Ithaca	3	2	125	141	7	3	275	212
Hartwick	1	4	90	184	5	5	271	285
Utica	0	5	114	193	4	6	344	274

HEARTLAND COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Mount St. Joseph	7	0	253	136	9	2	353	257
Franklin	5	2	226	151	7	3	313	260
Manchester	5	2	152	127	5	5	224	222
Rose-Hulman	4	3	238	172	6	4	365	232
Defiance	3	4	159	143	4	6	197	221
Hanover	3	4	220	200	3	7	282	325
Anderson	1	6	122	253	1	9	179	376
Bluffton	0	7	73	254	0	10	123	370

IOWA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Central	8	0	310	124	10	1	412	204
Coe	7	1	270	112	10	2	347	204
Wartburg	5	3	234	173	6	4	303	236
Dubuque	4	4	192	245	5	5	272	280
Luther	4	4	119	148	5	5	175	202
Buena Vista	3	5	156	169	4	6	182	198
Simpson	2	6	183	294	3	7	238	349
Loras	2	6	173	212	2	8	200	293
Cornell	1	7	99	259	2	8	148	307

LIBERTY

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Susquehanna	6	1	164	123	8	3	261	239
Union	6	1	174	125	8	3	260	203
Hobart	5	2	177	101	6	3	204	143
Rochester	4	3	167	134	4	6	228	265
RPI	3	4	120	131	5	4	165	145
Merchant Marine	2	5	104	198	4	6	196	267
St. Lawrence	2	5	113	147	3	7	150	247
Worcester Polytech	0	7	148	208	3	7	259	228

MICHIGAN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Trine	6	0	226	116	10	2	415	262
Adrian	4	2	153	79	6	4	274	162
Albion	4	2	151	87	4	6	187	207
Alma	3	3	129	192	5	5	242	294
Hope	3	3	156	128	3	7	265	266
Kalamazoo	1	5	129	229	4	6	288	339
Olivet	0	6	88	201	0	10	128	336

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES COLLEGIATE

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Delaware Valley	7	0	233	84	10	2	368	173
Albright	6	1	243	177	11	2	410	290
Lebanon Valley	5	2	206	139	9	2	349	225
Wilkes	3	4	108	163	6	5	207	231
Lycoming	3	4	128	153	4	6	201	237
King's	2	5	161	213	3	7	213	300
Widener	1	6	138	189	3	7	212	263
FDU-Florham	1	6	128	227	2	8	233	348

MIDWEST

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Monmouth	9	0	438	74	10	1	498	137
St. Norbert	8	1	336	141	9	1	378	176
Ripon	7	2	267	137	7	3	283	177
Beloit	5	4	229	236	6	4	268	258

MIDWEST

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Carroll	5	4	169	173	5	5	179	190
Illinois College	5	4	234	267	5	5	262	311
Grinnell	2	7	187	282	2	8	208	310
Lake Forest	2	7	137	234	2	8	144	248
Lawrence	1	8	90	330	2	8	111	347
Knox	1	8	95	308	1	9	108	336

MINNESOTA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Saint John's	8	0	225	91	10	1	315	176
St. Thomas	7	1	292	116	11	2	506	203
Bethel	6	2	207	103	7	3	285	142
Concordia-Moorhead	3	5	174	189	5	5	241	234
St. Olaf	3	5	131	127	5	5	210	147
Augsburg	3	5	144	245	4	6	209	292
Gustavus Adolphus	3	5	150	228	4	6	207	288
Hamline	2	6	171	274	4	6	243	280
Carleton	1	7	148	268	3	7	213	289

NEW ENGLAND FOOTBALL

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BOGAN								
Maine Maritime	6	1	277	192	9	2	450	332
Bridgewater State	5	2	194	107	7	3	296	169
Westfield State	5	2	145	89	7	3	205	115
Coast Guard	4	3	163	194	4	5	207	255
Framingham State	3	4	131	179	5	5	190	233
Fitchburg State	2	5	177	239	4	6	255	313
Massachusetts Maritime	2	5	171	174	3	7	257	266
Worcester State	1	6	104	188	1	9	140	285
BOYD								
Curry	7	0	207	58	8	3	290	177
Plymouth State	6	1	217	113	8	3	327	229
Western New England	5	2	185	154	6	4	240	243
Endicott	3	4	177	159	5	5	237	225
Nichols	3	4	136	215	4	6	182	292
Salve Regina	3	4	172	151	4	6	246	233
MIT	1	6	115	189	1	8	158	258
UMass-Dartmouth	0	7	45	215	0	10	64	315

NEW ENGLAND SMALL COLLEGE

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Amherst	8	0	162	83	8	0	162	83
Trinity (Conn.)	6	2	216	154	6	2	216	154
Williams	6	2	239	119	6	2	239	119
Middlebury	5	3	239	170	5	3	239	170
Colby	4	4	159	194	4	4	159	194
Bowdoin	3	5	231	223	3	5	231	223
Wesleyan	3	5	135	187	3	5	135	187
Hamilton	2	6	91	203	2	6	91	203
Tufts	2	6	94	149	2	6	94	149
Bates	1	7	135	219	1	7	135	219

NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Montclair State	9	0	233	113	10	2	295	234
Kean	8	1	252	103	9	2	304	147
Cortland State	7	2	242	149	7	4	282	206
Rowan	6	3	360	115	7	3	389	122
William Paterson	4	5	183	150	5	5	203	156
New Jersey	3	6	251	292	4	6	309	320
Brockport State	3	6	330	363	4	6	367	395
Buffalo State	2	7	172	340	2	8	179	395
Western Connecticut	2	7	193	345	2	8	200	393
Morrisville State	1	8	139	385	1	9	164	434

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wittenberg	7	0	277	40	12	1	477	115
Wabash	6	1	281	80	9	2	427	162
Allegheny	5	2	145	154	8	2	223	203
Wooster	4	3	218	140	5	5	313	255
Earlham	3	4	78	163	5	5	170	279
Kenyon	3	4	177	199	3	7	248	286
Ohio Wesleyan	3	4	136	147	3	7	164	247
Denison	2	5	126	206	3	7	183	302
Oberlin	2	5	92	195	2	8	124	309
Hiram	0	7	76	282	0	10	100	421

NORTHERN ATHLETICS

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Lakeland	6	1	195	80	6	5	272	282
Concordia (Ill.)	5	2	245	145	8	2	331	192
Benedictine	5	2	150	108	6	4	191	204
Concordia (Wis.)	5	2	170	101	5	5	200	227
Wisconsin Lutheran	4	3	173	86	5	5	248	186
Aurora	2	5	141	151	4	6	193	238
Rockford	1	6	45	243	1	9	64	398
Maranatha Baptist	0	7	44	249	0	10	64	378

NORTHWEST

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Linfield	6	0	274	148	12	1	518	303
Willamette	5	1	271	100	8	2	382	159
Whitworth	3	3	125	137	5	5	224	231
Menlo	3	3	88	141	4	6	139	247
Pacific Lutheran	3	3	195	165	3	6	242	294
Lewis & Clark	1	5	103	258	2	7	195	348
Syracuse	1	6	121	212	4	8	254	335
Puget Sound	0	6	100	207	0	9	127	283

OHIO ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Mount Union	9	0	403	73	14	1	679	145
Ohio Northern	7	2	329	174	8	2	357	193
Otterbein	7	2	262	253	8	2	290	260
Capital	6	3	307	225	7	3	338	246
Muskingum	4	5	194	260	4	6	201	273
Heidelberg	3	6	228	302	4	6	270	328
Baldwin-Wallace	3	6	215	273	3	7	246	311
John Carroll	3	6	205	257	3	7	212	271
Marietta	2	7	111	289	3	7	131	303
Wilmington	1	8	134	282	1	9	152	309

DIVISION III

OLD DOMINION ATHLETIC

	CONFERENCE W	L	PF	PA	OVERALL W	L	PF	PA
Hampden-Sydney	6	0	166	83	10	1	384	193
Bridgewater (Va.)	4	2	166	142	7	3	297	255
Randolph-Macon	4	2	144	111	6	4	225	195
Emory & Henry	3	3	99	109	7	3	218	181
Guilford	2	4	101	150	4	6	173	204
Washington & Lee	2	4	150	152	4	6	220	208
Catholic	0	6	86	165	1	9	165	262

PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Thomas More	6	0	180	80	11	1	375	199
Washington & Jefferson	5	1	224	59	9	2	345	152
Grove City	4	2	156	138	5	5	301	289
Waynesburg	2	4	192	196	5	5	355	317
Westminster (Pa.)	2	4	155	215	4	6	253	326
Bethany	1	5	109	228	3	7	212	356
Thiel	1	5	116	216	3	7	201	297
Geneva					8	3	364	266
Saint Vincent					0	10	167	356

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Cal Lutheran	6	0	213	80	8	2	341	158
Occidental	5	1	185	135	7	2	249	180
Redlands	4	2	234	135	7	2	326	186
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	3	3	128	161	5	4	173	187
Pomona-Pitzer	2	4	132	182	4	5	205	247
Whittier	1	5	108	190	3	6	184	252
La Verne	0	6	82	199	0	9	112	289

SOUTHERN COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
DePauw	5	1	168	128	7	3	316	237
Millsaps	5	1	205	94	7	3	350	218
Centre	4	2	142	112	7	2	214	162
Trinity (Texas)	4	2	175	96	7	3	296	212
Austin	2	4	152	185	4	5	244	254
Rhodes	1	5	117	214	3	7	207	318
Sewanee	0	6	44	174	0	9	81	290
Birmingham-Southern					4	6	278	307

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Case Western Reserve	3	0	100	49	10	1	466	207
Chicago	1	2	85	89	5	4	242	252
Carnegie Mellon	1	2	45	71	5	5	226	225
Washington (Mo.)	1	2	65	86	4	6	194	253

UPPER MIDWEST ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
NORTH								
Martin Luther	4	0	166	84	7	3	359	221
Northwestern (Minn.)	3	1	150	73	5	5	296	264
St. Scholastica	2	2	107	157	4	6	251	295
Crown	1	3	128	162	4	6	397	425
Minnesota-Morris	0	4	84	159	4	6	212	272
SOUTH								
Greenville	3	0	100	78	7	3	252	255
Westminster (Mo.)	2	1	119	102	5	5	345	311
Eureka	1	2	110	99	4	6	300	346
MacMurray	0	3	100	150	1	9	301	443

USA SOUTH ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
N.C. Wesleyan	7	0	284	148	8	3	388	311
Averett	5	2	187	187	7	3	263	244
Christopher Newport	4	3	145	126	5	5	189	205
Greensboro	4	3	155	153	4	6	169	188
Ferrum	3	4	179	185	5	5	265	264
Maryville (Tenn.)	3	4	143	185	4	6	196	246
Methodist	2	5	151	230	3	7	202	325
Shenandoah	0	7	143	173	1	9	191	214

WISCONSIN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wis.-Whitewater	7	0	288	74	15	0	637	156
Wis.-Stevens Point	6	1	203	153	7	3	252	215
Wis.-Stout	5	2	163	134	8	2	262	161
Wis.-Eau Claire	4	3	216	235	6	4	316	322
Wis.-La Crosse	2	5	174	244	5	5	299	281
Wis.-Oshkosh	2	5	162	216	4	6	262	276
Wis.-Platteville	1	6	140	220	3	7	195	281
Wis.-River Falls	1	6	183	253	3	7	267	325

INDEPENDENTS

	W	L	PF	PA
Huntington	8	3	408	293
LaGrange	5	5	235	267
Chapman	4	5	139	190
Macalester	2	8	175	278

NAIA

CENTRAL STATES FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	CONFERENCE W	L	PF	PA	OVERALL W	L	PF	PA
Northwestern Okla. St.	5	0	251	98	7	3	397	235
Langston	4	1	169	82	8	4	334	247
Southern Nazarene (Okla.)	3	2	158	127	6	5	321	360
SW Assem. of God (Texas)	2	3	99	150	3	7	243	308
Bacone (Okla.)	1	4	100	217	1	8	183	436
Texas College	0	5	114	217	0	10	158	528

DAKOTA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Minot State (N.D.)	7	1	260	115	8	3	325	246
Dickinson State (N.D.)	7	1	212	89	7	4	229	214
Black Hills State (N.D.)	5	3	205	132	6	4	236	194
Jamestown (N.D.)	5	3	257	197	5	5	282	244
South Dakota Mines	3	5	233	198	5	5	323	234
Valley City State (N.D.)	3	5	152	203	3	7	186	262
Dakota State (S.D.)	2	6	131	266	2	7	151	287
Mayville State (S.D.)	0	8	114	364	1	9	189	431

NAIA

FRONTIER CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE W	L	PF	PA	OVERALL W	L	PF	PA
Carroll (Mont.)	10	0	336	151	13	1	499	226
Eastern Oregon	7	3	384	307	7	4	412	339
Montana Tech	7	3	209	199	7	4	231	224
Montana Western	4	6	221	273	4	6	221	273
Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	1	9	303	360	2	9	331	367
Mont. St.-Northern	1	9	177	340	2	9	207	359

GREAT PLAINS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Sioux Falls (S.D.)	10	0	562	75	15	0	775	158
Morningside (Iowa)	9	1	496	149	10	2	541	204
Hastings (Neb.)	8	2	247	177	9	3	319	235
Northwestern (Iowa)	7	3	259	203	7	3	259	203
Midland Lutheran (Neb.)	6	4	232	201	6	5	232	259
Nebraska Wesleyan	5	5	220	184	5	5	220	184
Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)	4	6	245	321	4	6	245	321
Doane (Neb.)	4	6	214	366	4	7	220	375
Briar Cliff (Iowa)	4	6	191	209	4	7	212	236
Concordia (Neb.)	3	7	130	290	3	7	130	290
Dordt (Iowa)	0	10	53	396	1	10	85	413
Dana (Neb.)	0	10	109	387	0	11	129	425

HEART OF AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Lindenwood (Mo.)	10	0	574	185	13	1	744	285
MidAmerica Nazarene	9	1	450	205	10	2	503	263
Missouri Valley	8	2	374	152	8	3	380	176
Baker (Kan.)	7	3	299	189	7	3	299	189
Central Methodist (Mo.)	6	4	239	260	6	5	246	312
Benedictine (Kan.)	5	5	289	220	6	5	331	254
Avila (Mo.)	3	7	126	344	4	7	135	350
Graceland (Iowa)	3	7	163	330	3	7	163	330
Evangel (Mo.)	3	7	149	285	3	7	149	285
William Jewell (Mo.)	1	9	97	334	1	9	97	334
Culver-Stockton (Mo.)	0	10	116	372	0	10	116	372

KANSAS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ottawa	9	0	431	183	11	1	528	302
McPherson	8	1	401	183	9	2	486	229
Friends	7	2	348	177	8	2	376	184
Sterling	5	4	180	152	6	4	203	159
Kansas Wesleyan	4	5	194	211	5	5	208	223
Bethany	3	6	156	294	4	6	219	328
Bethel	3	6	182	206	3	7	201	227
Saint Mary	3	6	220	279	3	7	248	321
Southwestern	3	6	122	307	3	7	136	342
Tabor	0	9	164	406	0	10	171	425

MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
Cumberlands (Ky.)	8	2	300	165	9	2	355	191
Campbellsville (Ky.)	7	3	250	232	7	4	260	270
Georgetown (Ky.)	5	4	254	173	7	4	297	201
Virginia-Wise	4	5	211	271	5	6	286	305
Union (Ky.)	4	5	281	188	4	6	301	257
Pikeville (Ky.)	3	6	124	224	3	8	137	315
West Virginia Tech	1	8	98	282	3	8	208	359
WEST								
Lambuth (Tenn.)	9	0	400	119	12	1	495	231
Belhaven (Miss.)	6	3	230	211	6	5	243	285
Bethel (Tenn.)	5	4	257	156	5	6	277	203
Shorter (Ga.)	5	4	310	231	6	5	366	271
Cumberland (Tenn.)	5	5	206	187	5	6	209	207
Faulkner (Ala.)	1	8	107	315	2	9	136	376
Kentucky Christian	1	8	113	387	1	10	167	464

MID-STATES FOOTBALL ASSOC.-MIDEAST

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Saint Xavier (Ill.)	7	0	338	137	13	1	643	263
Walsh (Ohio)	5	2	235	106	8	3	358	207
Saint Francis (Ind.)	5	2	249	108	7	3	371	157
Taylor (Ind.)	5	2	222	192	7	3	307	273
Marian (Ind.)	3	4	149	178	6	5	255	249
Malone (Ohio)	2	5	205	237	4	6	319	300
Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)	1	6	137	320	2	9	254	533
Trinity International (Ill.)	0	7	50	307	0	11	84	452

MID-STATES FOOTBALL ASSOC.-MIDWEST

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
McKendree (Ill.)	7	0	244	63	9	2	369	166
Grand View (Iowa)	6	1	204	129	8	3	271	218
William Penn (Iowa)	5	2	228	125	7	5	345	248
St. Ambrose (Iowa)	4	3	213	103	6	4	301	147
Quincy (Ill.)	3	4	151	182	4	7	196	349
St. Francis (Ill.)	2	5	176	149	3	8	306	286
Iowa Wesleyan	1	6	53	249	2	9	88	433
Waldorf (Iowa)	0	7	53	322	1	9	99	392

INDEPENDENT

	W	L	PF	PA
Ohio Dominican	–	–	–	–	7	3	347	242
Peru St. (Neb.)	–	–	–	–	7	4	256	189
Webber International (Fla.)	–	–	–	–	4	6	206	241
Haskell Indian Nations (Kan.)	–	–	–	–	3	7	182	329
Southern Virginia	–	–	–	–	3	8	184	402
Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	–	–	–	–	3	8	226	298
Southern Oregon	–	–	–	–	2	7	125	242
Edward Waters	–	–	–	–	0	10	117	394

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Alabama 37
Texas 21

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

FIESTA BOWL	ORANGE BOWL	ROSE BOWL	SUGAR BOWL
Boise State 17	Iowa 24	Ohio State 26	Florida 51
TCU 10	Georgia Tech 14	Oregon 17	Cincinnati 21

Alamo Bowl	Texas Tech 41, Michigan State 31
Armed Forces Bowl	Air Force 47, Houston 20
Capital One Bowl	Penn State 19, LSU 17
Champs Sports Bowl	Wisconsin 20, Miami 14
Chick-fil-A Bowl	Virginia Tech 37, Tennessee 14
Cotton Bowl	Ole Miss 21, Oklahoma State 7
EagleBank Bowl	UCLA 30, Temple 21
Emerald Bowl	USC 24, Boston College 13
Gator Bowl	Florida State 33, West Virginia 21
GMAC Bowl	Central Michigan 44, Troy 41 (OT)
Hawaii Bowl	SMU 45, Nevada 10
Holiday Bowl	Nebraska 33, Arizona 0
Humanitarian Bowl	Idaho 43, Bowling Green 42
Independence Bowl	Georgia 44, Texas A&M 20
International Bowl	South Florida 27, Northern Illinois 3
Insight Bowl	Iowa State 14, Minnesota 13
Las Vegas Bowl	BYU 44, Oregon State 20
Liberty Bowl	Arkansas 20, East Carolina 17 (OT)
Little Caesars Bowl	Marshall 21, Ohio 20
Meineke Car Care Bowl	Pittsburgh 19, North Carolina 17
Music City Bowl	Clemson 21, Kentucky 13
New Mexico Bowl	Wyoming 35, Fresno State 28 (OT)
New Orleans Bowl	Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss 32
Outback Bowl	Auburn 38, Northwestern 35 (OT)
Papajohns.com Bowl	Connecticut 20, South Carolina 7
Poinsettia Bowl	Utah 37, California 27
St. Petersburg Bowl	Rutgers 45, UCF 24
Sun Bowl	Oklahoma 31, Stanford 27
Texas Bowl	Navy 35, Missouri 13

FCS PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Montana 61	South Dakota State 48
Stephen F. Austin 44	Eastern Washington 33
Appalachian State 20	South Carolina State 13
Richmond 16	Elon 13
Villanova 38	Holy Cross 28
New Hampshire 49	McNeese State 13
William & Mary 38	Weber State 0
Southern Illinois 48	Eastern Illinois 7

QUARTERFINALS

Montana 51	Stephen F. Austin 0
Appalachian State 35	Richmond 31
Villanova 46	New Hampshire 7
William & Mary 24	Southern Illinois 3

SEMIFINALS

Montana 24	Appalachian State 17
Villanova 14	William & Mary 13

CHAMPIONSHIP

Villanova 23	Montana 21

DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

California (Pa.) 42	Fayetteville State 13
Edinboro 31	East Stroudsburg 16
Abilene Christian 24	Midwestern State 21
Tarleton State 57	Texas A&M-Kingsville 56
West Alabama 24	Albany State (Ga.) 22
Arkansas Tech 41	UNC Pembroke 13
Hillsdale 27	Minnesota St.-Mankato 24
Nebraska-Kearney 35	Saginaw Valley 20

SECOND ROUND

California (Pa.) 26	Shippensburg 21
West Liberty 84	Edinboro 63
NW Missouri State 35	Abilene Christian 10
Central Washington 27	Tarleton State 6
Carson-Newman 59	West Alabama 41
North Alabama 41	Arkansas Tech 28
Grand Valley State 44	Hillsdale 27
Minnesota-Duluth 42	Nebraska-Kearney 7

QUARTERFINALS

California (Pa.) 57	West Liberty 35
NW Missouri State 21	Central Washington 20
Carson-Newman 24	North Alabama 21
Grand Valley State 24	Minnesota-Duluth 10

SEMIFINALS

NW Missouri State 56	California (Pa.) 31
Grand Valley State 41	Carson-Newman 27

CHAMPIONSHIP

NW Missouri State 30	Grand Valley State 23

DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Delaware Valley 66	Susquehanna 7
Wittenberg 42	Mount St. Joseph 14
Albright 35	Alfred 25
Wesley 55	North Carolina Wesleyan 23
Thomas More 49	DePauw 39
Trine 51	Case Western Reserve 38
Mount Union 55	Washington & Jefferson 0
Montclair State 38	Maine Maritime 22
Johns Hopkins 23	Hampden Sydney 7
St. Thomas (Minn.) 43	Monmouth (Ill.) 21
Mississippi College 56	Huntingdon 35
Wis.-Whitewater 70	Lakeland 7
Coe 34	St. John's (Minn.) 27
Illinois Wesleyan 41	Wabash 35
Mary Hardin-Baylor 42	Central 40
Linfield 38	Cal Lutheran 17

SECOND ROUND

Wesley 43	Mississippi College 9
Albright 27	Delaware Valley 3
Mount Union 62	Montclair State 14
Wittenberg 34	Trine 17
Johns Hopkins 31	Thomas More 29
Wis.-Whitewater 45	Illinois Wesleyan 7
St. Thomas (Minn.) 34	Coe 7
Linfield 53	Mary Hardin-Baylor 21

QUARTERFINALS

Mount Union 55	Albright 3
Wesley 12	Johns Hopkins 0
Wis.-Whitewater 31	Wittenberg 13
Linfield 31	St. Thomas (Minn.) 20

SEMIFINALS

Mount Union 24	Wesley 7
Wis.-Whitewater 27	Linfield 17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Wis.-Whitewater 38	Mount Union 28

NAIA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Lambuth (Tenn.) 38	Cumberlands (Ky.) 7
Morningside (Iowa) 24	Missouri Valley 6
MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) 40	McPherson (Kan.) 24
Sioux Falls (S.D.) 63	Minot State (N.D.) 21
Carroll (Mont.) 59	Dickinson State (N.D.) 7
Saint Xavier (Ill.) 52	McKendree (Ill.) 28
Lindenwood (Mo.) 42	Langston (Okla.) 14
Ottawa (Kan.) 40	Hastings (Neb.) 34

QUARTERFINALS

Saint Xavier 52	Lambuth 10
Sioux Falls 49	Morningside 21
Carroll 34	MidAmerica Nazarene 13
Lindenwood 64	Ottawa 26

SEMIFINALS

Sioux Falls 48	Saint Xavier 6
Lindenwood 42	Carroll 35

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sioux Falls 25	Lindenwood 22

FBS COACHING CHANGES FOR 2010

SCHOOL	FORMER COACH	NEW COACH
AKRON	J.D. Brookhart	Rob Ianello
BUFFALO	Turner Gill	Jeff Quinn
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	Butch Jones	Dan Enos
CINCINNATI	Brian Kelly	Butch Jones
EAST CAROLINA	Skip Holtz	Ruffin McNeill
FLORIDA STATE	Bobby Bowden	Jimbo Fisher
KANSAS	Mark Mangino	Turner Gill
KENTUCKY	Rich Brooks	Joker Phillips
LOUISIANA-MONROE	Charlie Weatherbie	Todd Berry
LOUISIANA TECH	Derek Dooley	Sonny Dykes
LOUISVILLE	Steve Kragthorpe	Charlie Strong
MARSHALL	Mark Snyder	John "Doc" Holliday
MEMPHIS	Tommy West	Larry Porter
NOTRE DAME	Charlie Weis	Brian Kelly
SAN JOSE STATE	Dick Tomey	Mike MacIntyre
SOUTH FLORIDA	Jim Leavitt	Skip Holtz
TENNESSEE	Lane Kiffin	Derek Dooley
TEXAS TECH	Mike Leach	Tommy Tuberville
UNLV	Mike Sanford	Bobby Hauck
USC	Pete Carroll	Lane Kiffin
VIRGINIA	Al Groh	Mike London
WESTERN KENTUCKY	David Elson	Willie Taggart

2010 NCAA SCHEDULES

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:
Due to earlier deadlines this year, some FCS schools had not completed their schedules by our press time.

AIR FORCE
Air Force Academy, CO

S.4	Northwestern State	
S.11	Brigham Young	21-38
S.18	@OKLAHOMA	
S.25	@WYOMING	10-0
O.2	Navy	13-16 (OT)
O.9	Colorado State	34-16
O.16	@SAN DIEGO STATE	26-14
O.23	@TCU	17-20
O.30	Utah	16-23 (OT)
N.6	@ARMY	35-7
N.13	New Mexico	37-13
N.18	@UNLV	45-17

Coach: Troy Calhoun **Colors:** Silver and Blue
Nickname: Falcons **2009 Record:** 7-5

AKRON
Akron, OH

S.4	Syracuse	14-28
S.11	Gardner-Webb	
S.18	@KENTUCKY	
S.25	@INDIANA	21-38
O.2	Northern Illinois	10-27
O.9	@KENT STATE	28-20
O.16	@OHIO	7-19
O.23	Western Michigan	
O.30	@TEMPLE	17-56
N.6	@BALL STATE	
N.17	Miami (OH)	
N.26	Buffalo	17-21

Coach: Rob Ianello **Colors:** Blue and Gold
Nickname: Zips **2009 Record:** 3-9

ALABAMA
Tuscaloosa, AL

S.4	San Jose State	
S.11	Penn State	
S.18	@DUKE	
S.25	@ARKANSAS	35-7
O.2	Florida	32-13
O.9	@SOUTH CAROLINA	20-6
O.16	Mississippi	22-3
O.23	@TENNESSEE	12-10
N.6	@LSU	24-15
N.13	Mississippi State	31-3
N.20	Georgia State	
N.26	Auburn	26-21

Coach: Nick Saban **Colors:** Crimson and White
Nickname: Crimson Tide **2009 Record:** 13-0

ALABAMA A&M
Normal, AL

S.4	@TENNESSEE STATE	24-7
S.11	Central State	
S.18	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	
S.25	Southern University	
O.2	Grambling State	20-41
O.9	@JACKSON STATE	13-5
O.16	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	
O.30	Alabama State*	21-7
N.6	Alcorn State	16-34
N.13	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	17-12
N.20	Prairie View A&M	24-30

** At Birmingham, AL*
Coach: Anthony Jones **Colors:** Maroon and White
Nickname: Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 7-5

ALABAMA STATE
Montgomery, AL

S.4	Mississippi Valley State	3-10
S.11	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
S.18	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	10-24
S.25	@ALCORN STATE	24-17
O.2	Texas Southern	
O.9	@GRAMBLING STATE	12-23
O.23	Savannah State	20-17
O.30	@ALABAMA A&M*	7-21
N.6	Jackson State	7-19
N.25	Tuskegee	0-21

** At Birmingham, AL*
Coach: Reggie Barlow **Colors:** Black and Old Gold
Nickname: Hornets **2009 Record:** 4-7

ALBANY
Albany, NY

S.2	@MAINE	20-16
S.11	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	
S.25	@DUQUESNE	55-10
O.2	@YALE	
O.9	St. Francis (PA)	27-6
O.23	Central Connecticut State	29-31
O.30	@BRYANT	20-17
N.6	@SACRED HEART	22-9
N.13	Wagner	41-28
N.20	Monmouth	35-10

Coach: Bob Ford **Colors:** Purple and Gold
Nickname: Great Danes **2009 Record:** 7-4

ALCORN STATE
Alcorn State, MS

S.18	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	32-10
S.25	Alabama State	17-24
O.2	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O.9	Texas Southern	21-51
O.21	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
O.30	Southern University	42-48
N.6	@ALABAMA A&M	34-16
N.13	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	14-34
N.20	Jackson State	14-7

Coach: Earnest Collins
Colors: Alcorn Purple and Old Gold
Nickname: Braves
2009 Record: 3-6

APPALACHIAN STATE
Boone, NC

S.4	@CHATTANOOGA	35-20
S.11	Jacksonville	
S.18	North Carolina Central	55-21
S.25	@SAMFORD	20-7
O.9	Elon	27-10
O.16	Citadel	30-27 (OT)
O.23	@WESTERN CAROLINA	19-14
O.30	Furman	52-27
N.6	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	52-16
N.13	Wofford	44-34
N.20	@FLORIDA	

Coach: Jerry Moore **Colors:** Black and Gold
Nickname: Mountaineers **2009 Record:** 11-3

ARIZONA
Tucson, AZ

S.3	@TOLEDO	
S.11	Citadel	
S.18	Iowa	17-27
S.25	California	16-24
O.9	Oregon State	37-32
O.16	@WASHINGTON STATE	48-7
O.23	Washington	33-36
O.30	@UCLA	27-13
N.6	@STANFORD	43-38
N.13	USC	21-17
N.26	@OREGON	41-44 (OT)
D.2	Arizona State	20-17

Coach: Mike Stoops **Colors:** Cardinal and Navy
Nickname: Wildcats **2009 Record:** 8-4

ARIZONA STATE
Tempe, AZ

S.4	Portland State	
S.11	Northern Arizona	
S.18	@WISCONSIN	
S.25	Oregon	21-44
O.2	@OREGON STATE	17-28
O.9	@WASHINGTON	24-17
O.23	@CALIFORNIA	21-23
O.30	Washington State	27-14
N.6	@USC	9-14
N.13	Stanford	14-33
N.26	UCLA	13-23
D.2	@ARIZONA	17-20

Coach: Dennis Erickson **Colors:** Maroon and Gold
Nickname: Sun Devils **2009 Record:** 4-8

ARKANSAS
Fayetteville, AR

S.4	Tennessee Tech	
S.11	Louisiana-Monroe*	
S.18	@GEORGIA	41-52
S.25	Alabama	7-35
O.9	@TEXAS A&M**	47-19
O.16	@AUBURN	44-23
O.23	Mississippi	17-30
O.30	Vanderbilt	
N.6	@SOUTH CAROLINA	33-16
N.13	UTEP	
N.20	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	42-21
N.27	LSU	30-33 (OT)

** At Little Rock, AR, ** At Arlington, TX*
Coach: Bobby Petrino
Colors: Cardinal and White
Nickname: Razorbacks
2009 Record: 7-5

ARKANSAS STATE
State University, AR

S.4	@AUBURN	
S.11	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	18-21
S.18	Louisiana-Monroe	10-16
S.25	@TROY	27-30
O.2	Louisville	13-21
O.9	@NORTH TEXAS	30-26
O.16	@INDIANA	
O.23	Florida Atlantic	18-35
N.2	Middle Tennessee State	14-38
N.13	Western Kentucky	24-20
N.20	@NAVY	
N.27	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	27-10

Coach: Steve Roberts **Colors:** Scarlet and Black
Nickname: Red Wolves **2009 Record:** 4-8

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF
Pine Bluff, AR

S.4	@UTEP	
S.11	@ALABAMA STATE	
S.25	Clark Atlanta*	
O.9	Prairie View A&M	17-49
O.16	Alabama A&M	7-28
O.21	@ALCORN STATE	
O.30	Grambling State**	49-42
N.6	Mississippi Valley State	27-7
N.13	Jackson State	20-13 (OT)
N.20	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	10-14

** At St. Louis, MO*
*** At Little Rock, AR*
Coach: Monte Coleman **Colors:** Black and Gold
Nickname: Golden Lions **2009 Record:** 5-5

ARMY
West Point, NY

S.4	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	27-14
S.11	Hawaii	
S.18	North Texas	17-13
S.25	@DUKE	19-35
O.2	Temple	13-27
O.9	@TULANE	16-17
O.16	@RUTGERS*	10-27
O.30	Virginia Military	22-17
N.6	Air Force	7-35
N.13	@KENT STATE	
N.20	@NOTRE DAME**	
D.11	@NAVY***	3-17

** At East Rutherford, NJ*
*** At Bronx, NY*
**** At Philadelphia, PA*
Coach: Rich Ellerson
Colors: Black, Gold and Gray
Nickname: Black Knights
2009 Record: 5-7

AUBURN
Auburn, AL

S.4	Arkansas State	
S.9	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	49-24
S.18	Clemson	
S.25	South Carolina	
O.2	Louisiana-Monroe	
O.9	@KENTUCKY	14-21
O.16	Arkansas	23-44
O.23	LSU	10-31
O.30	@MISSISSIPPI	33-20
N.6	Chattanooga	
N.13	Georgia	24-31
N.26	@ALABAMA	21-26

Coach: Gene Chizik
Colors: Burnt Orange and Navy Blue
Nickname: Tigers
2009 Record: 7-5

AUSTIN PEAY
Clarksville, TN

S.2	Cumberland University	
S.11	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE	
S.18	@TENNESSEE STATE	24-21
S.25	@WISCONSIN	
O.9	Tennessee Tech	23-31
O.16	Southeast Missouri State	24-14
O.23	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	10-28
O.30	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	20-30
N.6	Tennessee-Martin	38-48
N.13	Murray State	17-27
N.20	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	24-20

Coach: Rick Christophel **Colors:** Red and White
Nickname: Governors **2009 Record:** 4-7

BALL STATE
Muncie, IN

S.2	Southeast Missouri State	
S.11	Liberty	
S.18	@PURDUE	
S.25	@IOWA	
O.2	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	3-35
O.9	Western Michigan	22-17
O.16	Eastern Michigan	29-27
O.23	@TOLEDO	30-37
O.30	@KENT STATE	
N.6	Akron	
N.12	@BUFFALO	
N.20	Northern Illinois	20-26

Coach: Stan Parrish **Colors:** Cardinal and White
Nickname: Cardinals **2009 Record:** 2-10

BAYLOR
Waco, TX

S.4	Sam Houston State	
S.11	Buffalo	
S.18	@TCU	
S.25	@RICE	
O.2	Kansas	
O.9	Texas Tech*	13-20
O.16	@COLORADO	
O.23	Kansas State	
O.30	@TEXAS	14-47
N.6	@OKLAHOMA STATE	7-34
N.13	Texas A&M	3-38
N.20	Oklahoma	7-33

** At Dallas, TX*
Coach: Art Briles **Colors:** Green and Gold
Nickname: Bears **2009 Record:** 4-8

BETHUNE-COOKMAN
Daytona Beach, FL

S.4	Edward Waters	13-24
S.18	Savannah State	34-24
S.25	Norfolk State	14-40
O.2	@MORGAN STATE	13-24
O.9	Delaware State	9-7
O.16	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	3-24
O.23	@NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	
O.30	North Carolina A&T	31-13
N.6	@HAMPTON	27-24
N.13	Howard	21-10
N.20	Florida A&M*	6-42

** At Landover, MD*
Coach: Brian Jenkins **Colors:** Maroon and Gold
Nickname: Wildcats **2009 Record:** 5-6

BOISE STATE
Boise, ID

S.6	@VIRGINIA TECH*	
S.18	@WYOMING	
S.25	Oregon State	
O.2	@NEW MEXICO STATE	42-7
O.9	Toledo	
O.16	@SAN JOSE STATE	45-7
O.26	Louisiana Tech	45-35
N.6	Hawaii	54-9
N.12	@IDAHO	63-25
N.19	Fresno State	51-34
N.27	@NEVADA	44-33
D.4	Utah State	52-21

** At Landover, MD*
Coach: Chris Petersen **Colors:** Blue and Orange
Nickname: Broncos **2009 Record:** 13-0

BOSTON COLLEGE
Chestnut Hill, MA

S.4	Weber State	
S.11	Kent State	34-7
S.25	Virginia Tech	14-48
O.2	Notre Dame	16-20
O.9	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	52-20
O.16	@FLORIDA STATE	28-21
O.23	Maryland	19-17
O.30	Clemson	7-25
N.6	@WAKE FOREST	27-24 (OT)
N.13	@DUKE	
N.20	Virginia	14-10
N.27	@SYRACUSE	

Coach: Frank Spaziani **Colors:** Maroon and Gold **Nickname:** Eagles **2009 Record:** 8-4

BOWLING GREEN
Bowling Green, OH

S.4	@TROY	31-14
S.11	@TULSA	
S.18	Marshall	10-17
S.25	@MICHIGAN	
O.2	Buffalo	30-29
O.9	@OHIO	37-44
O.16	@TEMPLE	
O.23	Kent State	36-35
O.30	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	10-24
N.10	Miami (OH)	35-14
N.17	@TOLEDO	38-24
N.26	Western Michigan	

Coach: Dave Clawson **Colors:** Brown and Orange
Nickname: Falcons **2009 Record:** 7-5

BRIGHAM YOUNG
Provo, UT

S.4	Washington	
S.11	@AIR FORCE	38-21
S.18	@FLORIDA STATE	28-54
S.25	Nevada	
O.1	@UTAH STATE	35-17
O.9	San Diego State	38-28
O.16	@TCU	7-38
O.23	Wyoming	52-0
N.6	UNLV	59-21
N.13	@COLORADO STATE	42-23
N.20	New Mexico	24-19
N.27	@UTAH	26-23 (OT)

Coach: Bronco Mendenhall
Colors: Dark Blue and White
Nickname: Cougars
2009 Record: 10-2

BROWN
Providence, RI

S.18	Stony Brook	20-21
S.25	Harvard	21-24
O.2	@RHODE ISLAND	28-20
O.9	@HOLY CROSS	34-31
O.16	@PRINCETON	34-17
O.23	Cornell	34-14
O.30	@PENNSYLVANIA	7-14 (OT)
N.6	Yale	35-21
N.13	@DARTMOUTH	14-7 (OT)
N.20	Columbia	14-28

Coach: Phil Estes
Colors: Seal Brown, Cardinal Red and White
Nickname: Bears
2009 Record: 6-4

BRYANT
Smithfield, RI

S.4	Fordham	7-35
S.11	St. Anselm	
S.18	Merrimack	
S.25	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	23-24
O.2	@WAGNER	6-2
O.9	Sacred Heart	14-24
O.16	@MONMOUTH	6-10
O.30	Albany	17-20
N.6	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	35-12
N.13	Robert Morris	20-13
N.20	Duquesne	20-0

Coach: Marty Fine
Colors: Black, Gold and White
Nickname: Bulldogs
2009 Record: 5-6

BUFFALO
Buffalo, NY

S.2	Rhode Island	
S.11	@BAYLOR	
S.18	UCF	17-23
S.25	@CONNECTICUT	
O.2	@BOWLING GREEN	29-30
O.16	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O.23	Temple	13-37
O.30	Miami (OH)	42-17
N.4	@OHIO	24-27
N.12	Ball State	
N.20	Eastern Michigan	
N.26	@AKRON	21-17

Coach: Jeff Quinn **Colors:** Royal Blue and White
Nickname: Bulls **2009 Record:** 5-7

BUTLER
Indianapolis, IN

S.11	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	
S.18	Taylor University	
S.25	@SAN DIEGO	25-24
O.2	Campbell	23-16
O.9	@DAVIDSON	14-7
O.16	Dayton	31-28
O.23	Morehead State	28-21 (OT)
O.30	@VALPARAISO	23-14
N.6	Jacksonville	7-36
N.13	@DRAKE	20-17

Coach: Jeff Voris **Colors:** Blue and White
Nickname: Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 11-1

CAL POLY
San Luis Obispo, CA

S.4	Humboldt State	
S.11	Montana	23-35
S.18	@TEXAS STATE	
S.25	@McNEESE STATE	
O.2	@FRESNO STATE	
O.16	@SOUTHERN UTAH	24-23
O.23	North Dakota	17-31
O.30	St. Francis (PA)	
N.6	@SOUTH DAKOTA	48-50
N.13	UC Davis	10-23

Coach: Tim Walsh
Colors: Forest Green and Gold
Nickname: Mustangs
2009 Record: 4-7

CALIFORNIA
Berkeley, CA

S.4	UC Davis	
S.11	Colorado	
S.17	@NEVADA	
S.25	@ARIZONA	24-16
O.9	UCLA	45-26
O.16	@USC	3-30

0.23	Arizona State	23-21
0.30	@OREGON STATE	14-31
N.6	@WASHINGTON STATE	49-17
N.13	Oregon	3-42
N.20	Stanford	34-28
N.27	Washington	10-42

Coach: Jeff Tedford **Colors:** Blue and Gold **Nickname:** Golden Bears **2009 Record:** 8-4

CAMPBELL
Buies Creek, NC

S.4	Virginia Wise	
S.11	Old Dominion	17-28
S.18	Davidson	7-24
S.25	Georgia State	
0.2	@BUTLER	16-23
0.16	Drake	6-49
0.23	@DAYTON	17-35
0.30	Marist	13-34
N.6	Valparaiso	17-3
N.13	@JACKSONVILLE	14-34
N.20	@MOREHEAD STATE	31-22

Coach: Dale Steele **Colors:** Black and Orange **Nickname:** Fighting Camels **2009 Record:** 3-8

CENTRAL ARKANSAS
Conway, AR

S.2	Elizabeth City State	
S.11	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	
S.18	Murray State	
S.25	@TULSA	
0.9	Northwestern State	34-0
0.16	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	30-33
0.23	@NICHOLLS STATE	42-13
0.30	Southeastern Louisiana	21-25
N.6	@TEXAS STATE	24-27
N.13	Sam Houston State	14-17
N.20	McNeese State	17-21

Coach: Clint Conque **Colors:** Purple and Gray **Nickname:** Bears **2009 Record:** 5-7

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE
New Britain, CT

S.4	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	
S.11	Bentley College	
S.18	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	
S.25	Bryant	24-23
0.2	@SACRED HEART	24-12
0.9	Duquesne	31-24
0.23	@ALBANY	31-29
0.30	Wagner	27-32
N.13	@MONMOUTH	20-19
N.20	St. Francis (PA)	14-13

Coach: Jeff McInerney **Colors:** Blue and White **Nickname:** Blue Devils **2009 Record:** 9-3

CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Mount Pleasant, MI

S.2	Hampton	
S.11	@TEMPLE	
S.18	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	56-8
S.25	@NORTHWESTERN	
0.2	Ball State	35-3
0.9	@VIRGINIA TECH	
0.16	Miami (OH)	
0.23	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	45-31
0.30	Bowling Green	24-10
N.5	Western Michigan	34-23
N.13	@NAVY	
N.26	@TOLEDO	56-28

Coach: Dan Enos **Colors:** Maroon and Gold **Nickname:** Chippewas **2009 Record:** 11-2

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN
Charleston, SC

S.4	North Greenville	34-0
S.11	Wofford	14-42
S.18	Mars Hill	
S.25	@HAWAII	
0.9	@LIBERTY	13-20
0.16	Gardner-Webb	20-27
0.23	Virginia Military	31-21
0.30	@STONY BROOK	30-27 (OT)
N.6	@KENTUCKY	
N.13	Presbyterian	46-32
N.20	@COASTAL CAROLINA	30-23

Coach: Jay Mills **Colors:** Blue and Gold **Nickname:** Buccaneers **2009 Record:** 6-5

CHATTANOOGA
Chattanooga, TN

S.4	Appalachian State	20-35
S.11	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	
S.18	Eastern Kentucky	
S.25	@WESTERN CAROLINA	24-20
0.9	@CITADEL	31-28
0.16	Georgia Southern	20-30
0.23	@FURMAN	20-38
0.30	Elon	10-45
N.6	@AUBURN	
N.13	Samford	14-7
N.20	@WOFFORD	38-9

Coach: Russ Huesman **Colors:** Navy and Old Gold **Nickname:** Mocs **2009 Record:** 6-5

CINCINNATI
Cincinnati, OH

S.4	@FRESNO STATE	28-20
S.11	Indiana State	
S.16	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	
S.25	Oklahoma*	
0.9	Miami (OH)	37-13
0.15	@LOUISVILLE	41-10
0.22	South Florida	34-17
0.30	Syracuse	28-7
N.13	@WEST VIRGINIA	24-21
N.20	Rutgers	47-15
N.27	@CONNECTICUT	47-45
D.4	Pittsburgh	45-44

**At Cincinnati, OH*

Coach: Butch Jones **Colors:** Red and Black **Nickname:** Bearcats **2009 Record:** 12-0

CITADEL
Charleston, SC

S.4	Chowan	
S.11	@ARIZONA	
S.18	Presbyterian	46-21
S.25	@FURMAN	38-28
0.2	Western Carolina	10-14
0.9	Chattanooga	28-31
0.16	@APPALACHIAN STATE	27-30 (OT)
0.23	Georgia Southern	6-13
0.30	@WOFFORD	17-43
N.6	Elon	7-43
N.20	@SAMFORD	28-16

Coach: Kevin Higgins **Colors:** Citadel Blue and White **Nickname:** Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 4-7

CLEMSON
Clemson, SC

S.4	North Texas	
S.11	Presbyterian	
S.18	@AUBURN	
0.2	Miami (FL)	40-37 (OT)
0.9	@NORTH CAROLINA	
0.16	Maryland	21-24
0.23	Georgia Tech	34-39
0.30	@BOSTON COLLEGE	25-7
N.6	North Carolina State	43-23
N.13	@FLORIDA STATE	40-24
N.20	@WAKE FOREST	38-3
N.27	South Carolina	17-34

Coach: Dabo Swinney **Colors:** Orange, Purple and White **Nickname:** Tigers **2009 Record:** 8-5

COASTAL CAROLINA
Conway, SC

S.4	@WEST VIRGINIA	
S.11	@TOWSON	17-21
S.18	Georgia Southern	
S.25	Delaware State	
0.2	@RICHMOND	
0.16	@PRESBYTERIAN	41-37
0.23	Stony Brook	10-16
0.30	@GARDNER-WEBB	26-21
N.6	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	20-6
N.13	Liberty	13-58
N.20	Charleston Southern	23-30

Coach: David Bennett **Colors:** Coastal Teal and Bronze **Nickname:** Chanticleers **2009 Record:** 5-6

COLGATE
Hamilton, NY

S.4	Monmouth	35-23
S.11	@FURMAN	
S.18	Dartmouth	34-15
0.2	Georgetown	31-14
0.9	@PRINCETON	21-14 (OT)
0.16	@CORNELL	45-23
0.23	Holy Cross	28-42
0.30	@LEHIGH	27-20
N.6	Lafayette	49-56

Coach: Dick Biddle **Colors:** Maroon, White and Gray **Nickname:** Raiders **2009 Record:** 9-2

COLORADO
Boulder, CO

S.4	@COLORADO STATE*	17-23
S.11	@CALIFORNIA	
S.18	Hawaii	
0.2	Georgia	
0.9	@MISSOURI	17-36
0.16	Baylor	
0.23	Texas Tech	
0.30	@OKLAHOMA	
N.6	@KANSAS	34-30
N.13	Iowa State	10-17
N.20	Kansas State	6-20
N.26	@NEBRASKA	20-28

** At Denver, CO*

Coach: Dan Hawkins **Colors:** Silver, Gold and Black **Nickname:** Buffaloes **2009 Record:** 3-9

COLORADO STATE
Fort Collins, CO

S.4	Colorado*	23-17
S.11	@NEVADA	35-20
S.18	@MIAMI (OH)	
S.25	Idaho	29-31
0.2	TCU	6-44
0.9	@AIR FORCE	16-34
0.16	UNLV	16-35
0.23	@UTAH	17-24
0.30	New Mexico	27-29
N.6	@SAN DIEGO STATE	28-42
N.13	Brigham Young	23-42
N.20	@WYOMING	16-17

** At Denver, CO*

Coach: Steve Fairchild **Colors:** Green and Gold **Nickname:** Rams **2009 Record:** 3-9

COLUMBIA
New York, NY

S.18	Fordham	40-28
S.25	Towson	
0.2	Princeton	38-0
0.9	Lafayette	21-24
0.16	@PENNSYLVANIA	13-27
0.23	Dartmouth	6-28
0.30	@YALE	22-23
N.13	Cornell	30-20
N.20	@BROWN	28-14

Coach: Norries Wilson **Colors:** Columbia Blue and White **Nickname:** Lions **2009 Record:** 4-6

CONNECTICUT
Storrs, CT

S.4	@MICHIGAN	
S.11	Texas Southern	
S.18	@TEMPLE	
S.25	Buffalo	
0.2	Vanderbilt	
0.8	@RUTGERS	24-28
0.23	@LOUISVILLE	38-25
0.29	West Virginia	24-28
N.10	Pittsburgh	21-24
N.20	@SYRACUSE	56-31
N.27	Cincinnati	45-47
D.4	@SOUTH FLORIDA	29-27

Coach: Randy Edsall **Colors:** Blue and White **Nickname:** Huskies **2009 Record:** 7-5

CORNELL
Ithaca, NY

S.18	@WAGNER	
S.25	Yale	14-12
0.2	@BUCKNELL	
0.9	@HARVARD	10-28
0.16	Colgate	23-45
0.23	@BROWN	14-34
0.30	Princeton	13-17
N.6	Dartmouth	17-20 (OT)
N.13	@COLUMBIA	20-30
N.20	Pennsylvania	0-34

Coach: Kent Austin **Colors:** Red and White **Nickname:** Big Red **2009 Record:** 2-8

DARTMOUTH
Hanover, NH

S.18	@COLGATE	15-34
S.25	Sacred Heart	
0.2	@PENNSYLVANIA	24-30
0.9	Yale	7-38
0.16	Holy Cross	14-34
0.23	@COLUMBIA	28-6
0.30	Harvard	21-42
N.6	@CORNELL	20-17 (OT)
N.13	Brown	7-14 (OT)
N.20	@PRINCETON	11-23

Coach: Buddy Teevens **Colors:** Dartmouth Green and White **Nickname:** Big Green **2009 Record:** 2-8

DAVIDSON
Davidson, NC

S.4	Georgetown	
S.11	@LENOIR-RHYNE	0-42
S.18	@CAMPBELL	24-7
S.25	Jacksonville	21-27
0.9	Butler	7-14
0.16	@MOREHEAD STATE	16-10
0.23	@DRAKE	16-21
0.30	Dayton	0-17
N.6	@MARIST	6-14
N.13	San Diego	34-27

Coach: Tripp Merritt **Colors:** Red and Black **Nickname:** Wildcats **2009 Record:** 3-7

DAYTON
Dayton, OH

S.4	Robert Morris	21-14
S.11	@DUQUESNE	24-17
S.18	Morehead State	30-15
S.25	Central State	
0.2	Valparaiso	38-7
0.9	@SAN DIEGO	21-14
0.16	@BUTLER	28-31
0.23	Campbell	35-17
0.30	@DAVIDSON	17-0
N.6	Drake	23-6
N.13	@MARIST	27-16

Coach: Rick Chamberlin **Colors:** Red and Blue **Nickname:** Flyers **2009 Record:** 9-2

DELAWARE
Newark, DE

S.2	West Chester	35-0
S.11	South Dakota State	
S.18	Duquesne	
S.25	@RICHMOND	15-16
0.2	@JAMES MADISON	8-20
0.9	Maine	27-17
0.16	Rhode Island	
0.23	@WILLIAM & MARY	20-30
N.6	Towson	49-21
N.13	@MASSACHUSETTS	43-27
N.20	Villanova	12-30

Coach: K.C. Keeler **Colors:** Royal Blue and Gold **Nickname:** Blue Hens **2009 Record:** 6-5

DELAWARE STATE
Dover, DE

S.5	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY*	
S.11	Florida A&M	12-21
S.25	@COASTAL CAROLINA	
0.2	Hampton	21-6
0.16	North Carolina A&T	
0.23	@MORGAN STATE	35-22
0.30	South Carolina State	10-52
N.6	North Carolina Central	
N.13	@NORFOLK STATE	16-21
N.20	@HOWARD	30-20

** At Orlando, FL*

Coach: Al Lavan **Colors:** Columbia Blue and Red **Nickname:** Hornets **2009 Record:** 4-6

DRAKE
Des Moines, IA

S.4	Lehigh	
S.11	@MISSOURI-ROLLA	19-0
S.18	@MONTANA STATE	
S.25	@VALPARAISO	34-14
0.2	Marist	34-6
0.16	@CAMPBELL	49-6
0.23	Davidson	21-16
0.30	San Diego	21-14
N.13	Butler	17-20

Coach: Chris Creighton **Colors:** Blue and White **Nickname:** Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 8-3

DUKE
Durham, NC

S.4	Elon	
S.11	@WAKE FOREST	34-45
S.18	Alabama	
S.25	Army	35-19
0.2	@MARYLAND	17-13
0.16	Miami (FL)	16-34
0.23	@VIRGINIA TECH	26-34
0.30	@NAVY	
N.6	Virginia	28-17
N.13	Boston College	
N.20	@GEORGIA TECH	10-49
N.27	North Carolina	6-19

Coach: David Cutcliffe **Colors:** Royal Blue and White **Nickname:** Blue Devils **2009 Record:** 5-7

DUQUESNE
Pittsburgh, PA

S.4	Bucknell	24-19
S.11	Dayton	17-24
S.18	@DELAWARE	
S.25	Albany	10-55
0.2	Monmouth	10-17
0.9	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	24-31
0.16	Sacred Heart	45-42
0.23	@WAGNER	17-23 (OT)
N.13	St. Francis (PA)	14-31
N.20	@BRYANT	0-20

Coach: Jerry Schmitt **Colors:** Red and Blue **Nickname:** Dukes **2009 Record:** 3-8

EAST CAROLINA
Greenville, NC

S.5	Tulsa	44-17
S.11	Memphis	38-19
S.18	@VIRGINIA TECH	3-16
0.2	@NORTH CAROLINA	17-31
0.9	@SOUTHERN MISS	25-20
0.16	North Carolina State	
0.23	Marshall	21-17
0.30	@UCF	19-14
N.6	Navy	
N.13	@UAB	37-21
N.20	@RICE	49-13
N.27	SMU	21-28

Coach: Ruffin McNeill **Colors:** Purple and Gold **Nickname:** Pirates **2009 Record:** 9-4

EASTERN ILLINOIS
Charleston, IL

S.4	@IOWA	
S.11	Central Arkansas	
S.18	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	49-13
S.25	Jacksonville State	28-20
0.2	Southeast Missouri State	23-14
0.9	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	31-36
0.23	Murray State	16-10
0.30	Austin Peay	30-20
N.6	@TENNESSEE STATE	10-21
N.13	@ILLINOIS STATE	31-6

Coach: Bob Spoo **Colors:** Blue, Gray and White **Nickname:** Panthers **2009 Record:** 8-4

EASTERN KENTUCKY
Richmond, KY

S.2	@MISSOURI STATE	
S.11	@LOUISVILLE	
S.18	@CHATTANOOGA	
S.25	Kentucky State	
0.9	Eastern Illinois	36-31
0.16	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	31-25
0.23	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	20-6
0.30	Murray State	23-13
N.6	Jacksonville State	26-34
N.20	Austin Peay	20-24

Coach: Dean Hood **Colors:** Maroon and White **Nickname:** Colonels **2009 Record:** 5-6

EASTERN MICHIGAN
Ypsilanti, MI

S.4	Army	14-27
S.11	@MIAMI (OH)	
S.18	Central Michigan	8-56
S.25	@OHIO STATE	
0.2	Ohio	
0.9	@VANDERBILT	
0.16	@BALL STATE	27-29
0.23	@VIRGINIA	
0.30	Toledo	21-47
N.13	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	14-35
N.20	@BUFFALO	
N.26	Northern Illinois	6-50

Coach: Ron English **Colors:** Dark Green and White **Nickname:** Eagles **2009 Record:** 0-12

EASTERN WASHINGTON
Cheney, WA

S.2	@NEVADA	
S.11	Central Washington	
S.18	Montana	34-41
S.25	@MONTANA STATE	35-24
0.2	@WEBER STATE	13-31
0.9	Northern Arizona	49-45
0.16	@NORTHERN COLORADO	16-0
0.23	Sacramento State	56-30
0.30	@PORTLAND STATE	47-10
N.13	Southern Utah	41-28
N.20	Idaho State	38-3

Coach: Beau Baldwin **Colors:** Red and White **Nickname:** Eagles **2009 Record:** 8-4

ELON
Elon College, NC

S.4	@DUKE	
S.11	Shaw	
S.18	@RICHMOND	13-16
S.25	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	28-14
0.2	Samford	27-7
0.9	@APPALACHIAN STATE	10-27
0.23	Wofford	34-6
0.30	@CHATTANOOGA	45-10
N.6	@CITADEL	43-7
N.13	Furman	19-12
N.20	Western Carolina	42-17

Coach: Pete Lembo **Colors:** Maroon and Gold **Nickname:** Phoenix **2009 Record:** 9-3

FLORIDA
Gainesville, FL

S.4	Miami (OH)	
S.11	South Florida	
S.18	@TENNESSEE	23-13
S.25	Kentucky	41-7
0.2	@ALABAMA	13-32
0.9	LSU	13-3
0.16	Mississippi State	29-19
0.30	Georgia*	41-17
N.6	@VANDERBILT	27-3
N.13	South Carolina	24-14
N.20	Appalachian State	
N.27	@FLORIDA STATE	37-10

** At Jacksonville, FL*

Coach: Urban Meyer **Colors:** Orange and Blue **Nickname:** Gators **2009 Record:** 12-1

FLORIDA A&M
Tallahassee, FL

S.2	@MIAMI (FL)	16-48
S.11	@DELAWARE STATE	21-12
S.18	@HOWARD	48-10
S.25	Tennessee State	31-12

0.2	South Carolina State	20-35
0.16	Savannah State	
0.23	@NORFOLK STATE	34-20
0.30	Morgan State	31-28 (OT)
N.6	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	31-27
N.13	Hampton	0-25

Coach: Joe Taylor **Colors:** Orange and Green **Nickname:** Rattlers **2009 Record:** 8-3

FLORIDA ATLANTIC
Boca Raton, FL

S.4	@UAB	29-56
S.11	@MICHIGAN STATE*	
S.25	North Texas	44-40
0.2	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
0.9	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	25-27
0.23	@ARKANSAS STATE	35-18
0.30	Florida International**	28-21
N.6	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	29-23
N.13	Louisiana-Lafayette	51-29
N.20	@TEXAS	
N.27	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	20-27
D.4	Troy	21-47

** At Detroit, MI, ** At Miami, FL*

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger **Colors:** Blue and Red **Nickname:** Owls **2009 Record:** 5-7

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
Miami, FL

S.11	Rutgers	15-23
S.18	@TEXAS A&M	
S.25	@MARYLAND	
0.2	@PITTSBURGH	
0.9	Western Kentucky	37-20
0.16	@NORTH TEXAS	35-28
0.30	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	21-28
N.6	Louisiana-Monroe	35-48
N.13	@TROY	33-42
N.20	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	20-17 (OT)
N.27	Arkansas State	10-27
D.4	Middle Tennessee	21-48

** At Miami, FL*

Coach: Mario Cristobal **Colors:** Blue and Gold **Nickname:** Golden Panthers **2009 Record:** 3-9

FLORIDA STATE
Tallahassee, FL

S.4	Samford	
S.11	@OKLAHOMA	
S.18	Brigham Young	54-28
S.25	Wake Forest	41-28
0.2	@VIRGINIA	
0.9	@MIAMI (FL)	34-38
0.16	Boston College	21-28
0.28	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	45-42
N.6	North Carolina	30-27
N.13	Clemson	24-40
N.20	@MARYLAND	29-26
N.27	Florida	10-37

Coach: Jimbo Fisher **Colors:** Garnet and Gold **Nickname:** Seminoles **2009 Record:** 6-6

FORDHAM
Bronx, NY

S.4	@BRYANT	35-7
S.11	Rhode Island	28-41
S.18	@COLUMBIA	28-40
S.25	Assumption	28-35
0.2	@HOLY CROSS	27-41
0.9	@LEHIGH	28-35
0.16	@YALE	
0.23	Lafayette	21-26
0.30	Georgetown	41-14
N.20	Colgate	12-20

Coach: Tom Masella **Colors:** Maroon and White **Nickname:** Rams **2009 Record:** 5-6

FRESNO STATE
Fresno, CA

S.4	Cincinnati	20-28
S.18	@UTAH STATE	31-27
S.25	@MISSISSIPPI	
0.2	Cal Poly	
0.9	Hawaii	42-17
0.16	New Mexico State	34-3
0.23	@SAN JOSE STATE	41-21
N.6	@LOUISIANA TECH	30-28
N.13	Nevada	14-52
N.19	@BOISE STATE	34-51
N.27	Idaho	31-21
D.3	Illinois	53-52

Coach: Pat Hill **Colors:** Cardinal and Blue **Nickname:** Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 8-4

FURMAN
Greenville, SC

S.11	Colgate	
S.18	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
S.25	Citadel	28-38
0.2	@WOFFORD	58-21
0.9	Howard	
0.16	@SAMFORD	26-24
0.23	Chattanooga	38-20
0.30	@APPALACHIAN STATE	27-52
N.6	Western Carolina	33-14
N.13	@ELON	12-19
N.20	Georgia Southern	30-22

Coach: Bobby Lamb **Colors:** Purple and White **Nickname:** Paladins **2009 Record:** 6-5

GARDNER-WEBB
Boiling Springs, NC

S.4	Brevard College	
S.11	@AKRON	
S.18	Western Carolina	27-20
S.25	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	
0.16	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	27-20
0.23	Presbyterian	21-14
0.30	Coastal Carolina	21-26
N.6	@LIBERTY	28-51
N.13	@STONY BROOK	14-24
N.20	Virginia Military	27-23

Coach: Steve Patton **Colors:** Scarlet, White and Black **Nickname:** Runnin' Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 6-5

GEORGETOWN
Washington, DC

S.4	@DAVIDSON	
S.11	@LAFAYETTE	3-28
S.18	@YALE	10-31
S.25	Holy Cross	7-20
0.2	@COLGATE	14-31
0.9	Wagner	
0.16	Bucknell	6-14
0.23	@SACRED HEART	
N.13	Lehigh	0-27
N.20	Marist	21-23

Coach: Kevin Kelly **Colors:** Blue and Gray **Nickname:** Hoyas **2009 Record:** 0-11

GEORGIA
Athens, GA

S.4	Louisiana-Lafayette	
S.11	@SOUTH CAROLINA	41-37
S.18	Arkansas	52-41
S.25	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
0.2	@COLORADO	
0.9	Tennessee	19-45
0.16	Vanderbilt	34-10
0.23	@KENTUCKY	27-34
0.30	@FLORIDA*	17-41
N.6	Idaho State	
N.13	@AUBURN	31-24
N.27	Georgia Tech	30-24

** At Jacksonville, FL*

Coach: Mark Richt **Colors:** Red and Black **Nickname:** Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 7-5

GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Statesboro, GA

S.4	Savannah State	
S.11	@NAVY	
S.18	@COASTAL CAROLINA	
S.25	Elon	14-28
0.9	Wofford	26-21
0.16	@CHATTANOOGA	30-20
0.23	@CITADEL	13-6
0.30	Samford	10-31
N.6	Appalachian State	16-52
N.13	@WESTERN CAROLINA	27-3
N.20	@FURMAN	22-30

Coach: Jeff Monken **Colors:** Blue and White **Nickname:** Eagles **2009 Record:** 5-6

GEORGIA STATE
Atlanta, GA

S.2	Shorter	
S.11	Lambuth	
S.18	Jacksonville State	
S.25	@CAMPBELL	
0.2	Morehead State	
0.9	Savannah State	
0.16	North Carolina Central	
N.6	Lamar	
N.20	@ALABAMA	

Coach: Bill Curry **Colors:** Blue, White and Black **Nickname:** Panthers

GEORGIA TECH
Atlanta, GA

S.4	South Carolina State	
S.11	@KANSAS	
S.18	@NORTH CAROLINA	24-7
S.25	North Carolina State	
0.2	@WAKE FOREST	30-27 (OT)
0.9	Virginia	34-9
0.16	Middle Tennessee State	
0.23	@CLEMSON	39-34
N.4	@VIRGINIA TECH	28-23
N.13	Miami (FL)	17-33
N.20	Duke	49-10
N.27	@GEORGIA	24-30

Coach: Paul Johnson **Colors:** Old Gold and White **Nickname:** Yellow Jackets **2009 Record:** 11-2

GRAMBLING STATE
Grambling, LA

S.4	@LOUISIANA TECH*	
S.18	Jackson State	27-17
0.2	@ALABAMA A&M	41-20
0.9	Alabama State	23-12
0.23	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	50-7
0.30	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF**	42-49
N.6	Concordia College	
N.13	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	47-33
N.27	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**	31-13

** At Shreveport, LA, ** At Little Rock, AR*
**** At New Orleans, LA*

Coach: Rod Broadway **Colors:** Black and Gold **Nickname:** Tigers **2009 Record:** 7-4

HAMPTON
Hampton, VA

S.2	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
S.11	@HOWARD	37-0
S.18	North Carolina A&T	24-14
0.2	@DELAWARE STATE	6-21
0.9	@NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	31-24
0.16	Norfolk State	6-46
0.23	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	9-21
0.30	Old Dominion	
N.6	Bethune-Cookman	24-27
N.13	@FLORIDA A&M	25-0
N.20	@MORGAN STATE	13-16

Coach: Donovan Rose **Colors:** Royal Blue and White **Nickname:** Pirates **2009 Record:** 5-6

HARVARD
Boston, MA

S.16	Lehigh	28-14
S.18	Holy Cross	20-27
S.25	@BROWN	24-21
0.2	@LAFAYETTE	18-35
0.9	Cornell	28-10
0.16	@LEHIGH	28-14
0.23	@PRINCETON	37-3
0.30	@DARTMOUTH	42-21
N.6	Columbia	34-14
N.13	@PENNSYLVANIA	7-17
N.20	Yale	14-10

Coach: Tim Murphy **Colors:** Crimson, Black and White **Nickname:** Crimson **2009 Record:** 7-3

HAWAII
Honolulu, HI

S.2	USC	
S.11	@ARMY	
S.18	@COLORADO	
S.25	Charleston Southern	
0.2	Louisiana Tech	6-27
0.9	@FRESNO STATE	17-42
0.16	Nevada	21-31
0.23	@UTAH STATE	49-36
0.30	Idaho	23-35
N.6	@BOISE STATE	9-54
N.20	San Jose State	17-10 (OT)
N.27	@NEW MEXICO STATE	24-6
D.4	UNLV	33-34

Coach: Greg McMackin **Colors:** Green, Black, Silver and White **Nickname:** Warriors **2009 Record:** 6-7

HOLY CROSS
Worcester, MA

S.4	Howard	
S.11	@MASSACHUSETTS	
S.18	@HARVARD	27-20
S.25	@GEORGETOWN	20-7
0.2	Fordham	41-27
0.9	Brown	31-34
0.16	@DARTMOUTH	34-14
0.23	@COLGATE	42-28
N.6	Lehigh	24-20
N.13	@LAFAYETTE	28-26
N.20	Bucknell	17-23

Coach: Tom Gilmore **Colors:** Royal Purple **Nickname:** Crusaders **2009 Record:** 9-3

HOUSTON
Houston, TX

S.4	Texas State	
S.10	UTEP	41-58
S.18	@UCLA	
S.25	Tulane	44-16
0.9	Mississippi State	31-24
0.16	@RICE	73-14
0.23	@SMU	38-15
0.30	@MEMPHIS	55-14
N.5	UCF	32-37
N.13	Tulsa	46-45
N.20	@SOUTHERN MISS	50-43
N.27	@TEXAS TECH	29-28

Coach: Kevin Sumlin **Colors:** Scarlet and White **Nickname:** Cougars **2009 Record:** 10-3

HOWARD
Washington, DC

S.4	@HOLY CROSS	
S.11	Hampton	0-37
S.18	Florida A&M	10-48
0.2	Lincoln	
0.9	@FURMAN	
0.23	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	19-30
0.30	Norfolk State	6-41
N.6	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	13-43
N.20	Delaware State	20-30

Coach: Carey Bailey **Colors:** Blue, White and Red **Nickname:** Bison **2009 Record:** 2-9

IDAHO
Moscow, ID

S.2	North Dakota	
S.11	@NEBRASKA	
S.18	UNLV	
S.25	@COLORADO STATE	31-29
0.2	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
0.16	@LOUISIANA TECH	35-34
0.23	New Mexico State	21-6
0.30	@HAWAII	35-23
N.6	Nevada	45-70
N.12	Boise State	25-63
N.20	@UTAH STATE	49-52
N.27	@FRESNO STATE	21-31
D.4	San Jose State	29-25

Coach: Robb Akey **Colors:** Silver and Gold **Nickname:** Vandals **2009 Record:** 7-5

IDAHO STATE
Pocatello, ID

S.4	Montana-Western	
S.11	@UTAH STATE	
S.18	@NORTHERN COLORADO	7-30
S.25	Northern Arizona	12-40
0.2	@PORTLAND STATE	41-34
0.9	@MONTANA	10-12
0.16	Weber State	17-44
0.30	Montana State	10-41
N.6	@GEORGIA	
N.13	Sacramento State	17-38
N.20	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	3-38

Coach: John Zamberlin **Colors:** Black and Orange **Nickname:** Bengals **2009 Record:** 1-10

ILLINOIS
Champaign, IL

S.4	Missouri*	9-37
S.11	Southern Illinois	
S.18	Northern Illinois	
0.2	Ohio State	0-30
0.9	@PENN STATE	17-35
0.16	@MICHIGAN STATE	14-24
0.23	Indiana	14-27
0.30	Purdue	14-24
N.6	@MICHIGAN	38-13
N.13	Minnesota	35-32
N.20	@NORTHWESTERN	16-21
D.3	@FRESNO STATE	52-53

**At St. Louis, MO*

Coach: Ron Zook **Colors:** Orange and Blue **Nickname:** Fighting Illini **2009 Record:** 3-9

ILLINOIS STATE
Normal, IL

S.2	Central Missouri	
S.11	@NORTHWESTERN	
S.18	@SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	17-38
S.25	Missouri State	24-14
0.2	Southern Illinois	23-43
0.9	@INDIANA STATE	38-21
0.16	North Dakota State	27-24
0.23	@NORTHERN IOWA	22-20
0.30	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	25-7
N.6	Youngstown State	18-30
N.13	Eastern Illinois	6-31

Coach: Brock Spack **Colors:** Red and White **Nickname:** Redbirds **2009 Record:** 6-5

INDIANA
Bloomington, IN

S.2	Towson	
S.18	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	
S.25	Akron	38-21
0.2	Michigan	33-36
0.9	@OHIO STATE	14-33
0.16	Arkansas State	
0.23	@ILLINOIS	27-14
0.30	Northwestern	28-29
N.6	Iowa	24-42
N.13	@WISCONSIN	28-31
N.20	Penn State*	20-31
N.27	@PURDUE	21-38

** At Landover, MD*

Coach: Bill Lynch **Colors:** Cream and Crimson **Nickname:** Hoosiers **2009 Record:** 4-8

INDIANA STATE
Terre Haute, IN

S.4	St. Joseph's (IN)	
S.11	@CINCINNATI	
S.25	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	17-14
0.2	Quincy	20-26 (OT)
0.9	Illinois State	21-38
0.16	Missouri State	7-31
0.23	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	17-56
0.30	South Dakota State	0-41
N.6	Northern Iowa	7-62
N.13	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	0-28
N.20	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	0-33

Coach: Trent Miles **Colors:** Royal Blue and White **Nickname:** Sycamores **2009 Record:** 1-10

IOWA
Iowa City, IA

S.4	Eastern Illinois	
S.11	Iowa State	35-3
S.18	@ARIZONA	27-17
S.25	Ball State	
0.2	Penn State	21-10
0.16	@MICHIGAN	30-28
0.23	Wisconsin	20-10
0.30	Michigan State	15-13
N.6	@INDIANA	42-24
N.13	@NORTHWESTERN	10-17
N.20	Ohio State	24-27 (OT)
N.27	@MINNESOTA	12-0

Coach: Kirk Ferentz **Colors:** Gold and Black **Nickname:** Hawkeyes **2009 Record:** 10-2

IOWA STATE
Ames, IA

S.2	Northern Illinois	
S.11	@IOWA	3-35
S.18	@KANSAS STATE*	23-24
S.25	Northern Iowa	
0.2	Texas Tech	
0.9	Utah	
0.16	@OKLAHOMA	
0.23	@TEXAS	
0.30	Kansas	36-41
N.6	Nebraska	9-7
N.13	@COLORADO	17-10
N.20	Missouri	24-34

** At Kansas City, MO*

Coach: Paul Rhoads **Colors:** Cardinal and Gold **Nickname:** Cyclones **2009 Record:** 6-6

JACKSON STATE
Jackson, MS

S.4	Delta State	
S.11	Tennessee State*	7-14
S.18	@GRAMBLING STATE	17-27
S.25	Mississippi Valley State	25-16
0.9	Alabama A&M	5-13
0.16	Southern University	22-14
0.23	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	17-19
0.30	Prairie View A&M	
N.6	@ALABAMA STATE	19-7
N.13	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	13-20 (OT)
N.20	@ALCORN STATE	7-14

** At Memphis, TN*

Coach: Rick Comegy **Colors:** Blue and White **Nickname:** Tigers **2009 Record:** 3-7

JACKSONVILLE
Jacksonville, FL

S.11	@APPALACHIAN STATE	
S.18	Webber International	40-24
S.25	@DAVIDSON	27-21
0.2	San Diego	34-16
0.9	Drake	38-45
0.16	@VALPARAISO	49-20
0.23	Marist	27-31
0.30	@MOREHEAD STATE	39-0
N.6	@BUTLER	36-7
N.13	Campbell	34-14

Coach: Kerwin Bell **Colors:** Green and White **Nickname:** Dolphins **2009 Record:** 7-4

JACKSONVILLE STATE
Jacksonville, AL

S.4	@MISSISSIPPI	
S.11	Chattanooga	
S.18	@GEORGIA STATE	
S.25	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	20-28
0.2	Murray State	41-7
0.9	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	52-7
0.16	Tennessee State	
0.23	Austin Peay	28-10
N.6	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	34-26
N.13	Southeast Missouri State	24-3

Coach: Jack Crowe **Colors:** Red and White **Nickname:** Gamecocks **2009 Record:** 8-3

JAMES MADISON
Harrisonburg, VA

S.4	Morehead State	
S.11	@VIRGINIA TECH	
S.25	Liberty	24-10
0.2	Delaware	20-8
0.9	@TOWSON	43-12
0.16	New Hampshire	
0.23	@VILLANOVA	0-27

0.30	Massachusetts	17-14
N.6	@RICHMOND	17-21
N.13	William & Mary	3-24
N.20	@MAINE	22-14

Coach: Mickey Matthews
Colors: Purple and Gold
Nickname: Dukes
2009 Record: 6-5

KANSAS
Lawrence, KS

S.4	North Dakota State	
S.11	Georgia Tech	
S.17	@SOUTHERN MISS	35-28
S.25	New Mexico State	
0.2	@BAYLOR	
0.16	Kansas State	10-17
0.23	Texas A&M	
0.30	@IOWA STATE	41-36
N.6	Colorado	30-34
N.13	@NEBRASKA	17-31
N.20	Oklahoma State	
N.26	Missouri*	39-41

** At Kansas City, MO*

Coach: Turner Gill **Colors:** Crimson and Blue
Nickname: Jayhawks **2009 Record:** 5-7

KANSAS STATE
Manhattan, KS

S.4	UCLA	9-23
S.11	Missouri State	
S.18	Iowa State*	24-23
S.25	UCF	
0.7	Nebraska	3-17
0.16	@KANSAS	17-10
0.23	@BAYLOR	
0.30	Oklahoma State	
N.6	Texas	
N.13	@MISSOURI	12-38
N.20	@COLORADO	20-6
N.27	@NORTH TEXAS	

** At Kansas City, MO*

Coach: Bill Snyder **Colors:** Purple and White
Nickname: Wildcats **2009 Record:** 6-6

KENT STATE
Kent, OH

S.2	Murray State	
S.11	@BOSTON COLLEGE	7-34
S.18	@PENN STATE	
0.2	@MIAMI (OH)	29-19
0.9	Akron	20-28
0.16	@TOLEDO	
0.23	@BOWLING GREEN	35-36
0.30	Ball State	
N.6	Temple	13-47
N.13	Army	
N.20	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	26-14
N.26	Ohio	20-11

Coach: Doug Martin **Colors:** Navy Blue and Gold
Nickname: Golden Flashes **2009 Record:** 5-7

KENTUCKY
Lexington, KY

S.4	@LOUISVILLE	31-27
S.11	Western Kentucky	
S.18	Akron	
S.25	@FLORIDA	7-41
0.2	@MISSISSIPPI	
0.9	Auburn	21-14
0.16	South Carolina	26-28
0.23	Georgia	34-27
0.30	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	24-31
N.6	Charleston Southern	
N.13	Vanderbilt	24-13
N.27	@TENNESSEE	24-30 (OT)

Coach: Joker Phillips **Colors:** Blue and White
Nickname: Wildcats **2009 Record:** 7-5

LAFAYETTE
Easton, PA

S.11	Georgetown	28-3
S.18	@PENNSYLVANIA	20-17 (OT)
S.25	@PRINCETON	
0.2	Harvard	35-18
0.9	@COLUMBIA	24-21
0.16	Stony Brook	
0.23	@FORDHAM	26-21
0.30	@BUCKNELL	
N.6	@COLGATE	56-49
N.13	Holy Cross	26-28
N.20	Lehigh	21-27 (OT)

Coach: Frank Tavani **Colors:** Maroon and White
Nickname: Leopards **2009 Record:** 8-3

LAMAR
Beaumont, TX

S.4	@McNEESE STATE	
S.11	Webber International	
S.18	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	
S.25	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	
0.2	Sam Houston State	
0.9	Langston	
0.16	South Alabama	
0.30	@NORTH DAKOTA	
N.6	@GEORGIA STATE	
N.13	South Dakota	
N.20	Panhandle State	

Coach: Ray Woodard **Colors:** Red and White
Nickname: Cardinals

LEHIGH
Bethlehem, PA

S.4	@DRAKE	
S.11	Villanova	17-38
S.18	Princeton	14-17
S.25	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	
0.9	Fordham	35-28
0.16	Harvard	14-28
0.23	Bucknell	35-16
0.30	Colgate	20-27
N.6	@HOLY CROSS	20-24
N.13	@GEORGETOWN	27-0
N.20	@LAFAYETTE	27-21 (OT)

Coach: Andy Coen **Colors:** Brown and White
Nickname: Mountain Hawks **2009 Record:** 4-7

LIBERTY
Lynchburg, VA

S.4	St. Francis (PA)	
S.11	@BALL STATE	
S.25	@JAMES MADISON	10-24
0.2	Savannah State	
0.9	Charleston Southern	20-13
0.16	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	54-14
0.30	@PRESBYTERIAN	55-19
N.6	Gardner-Webb	51-28
N.13	@COASTAL CAROLINA	58-13
N.20	Stony Brook	33-36

Coach: Danny Rocco **Colors:** Red, White and Blue
Nickname: Flames **2009 Record:** 8-3

LOUISIANA TECH
Ruston, LA

S.4	Grambling State*	
S.11	@TEXAS A&M	
S.18	Navy	14-32
S.25	Southern Miss	
0.2	@HAWAII	27-6
0.9	Utah State	21-23
0.16	Idaho	34-35
0.26	@BOISE STATE	35-45
N.6	Fresno State	28-30
N.13	@NEW MEXICO STATE	45-7
N.27	@SAN JOSE STATE	55-20
D.4	Nevada	14-37

** At Shreveport, LA*

Coach: Sonny Dykes **Colors:** Red and Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 4-8

LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE
Lafayette, LA

S.4	@GEORGIA	
S.11	Arkansas State	21-18
S.25	Middle Tennessee	17-34
0.2	@NORTH TEXAS	38-34
0.8	Oklahoma State	
0.16	@TROY	31-48
0.23	Western Kentucky	30-22
0.30	@OHIO	
N.6	@MISSISSIPPI	
N.13	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	29-51
N.20	Florida International	17-20 (OT)
N.27	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	21-17

Coach: Rickey Bustle **Colors:** Vermillion and White
Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns **2009 Record:** 6-6

LOUISIANA-MONROE
Monroe, LA

S.11	@ARKANSAS*	
S.18	@ARKANSAS STATE	16-10
S.25	Southeastern Louisiana	
0.2	@AUBURN	
0.9	Florida Atlantic	27-25
0.16	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	21-18
0.23	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	19-38
0.30	Troy	21-42
N.6	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	48-35
N.13	@LSU	
N.20	North Texas	33-6
N.27	Louisiana-Lafayette	17-21

** At Little Rock, AR*

Coach: Todd Berry **Colors:** Maroon and Gold
Nickname: Warhawks **2009 Record:** 6-6

LOUISVILLE
Louisville, KY

S.4	Kentucky	27-31
S.11	Eastern Kentucky	
S.18	@OREGON STATE	
0.2	@ARKANSAS STATE	21-13
0.9	Memphis	
0.15	Cincinnati	10-41
0.23	Connecticut	25-38
0.30	@PITTSBURGH	10-35
N.6	@SYRACUSE	10-9
N.13	South Florida	22-34
N.20	West Virginia	9-17
N.26	@RUTGERS	14-34

Coach: Charlie Strong **Colors:** Red, White and Black **Nickname:** Cardinals **2009 Record:** 4-8

LSU
Baton Rouge, LA

S.4	@NORTH CAROLINA*	
S.11	@VANDERBILT	23-9
S.18	Mississippi State	30-26
S.25	West Virginia	
0.2	Tennessee	
0.9	@FLORIDA	3-13
0.16	McNeese State	
0.23	@AUBURN	31-10
N.6	Alabama	15-24
N.13	Louisiana-Monroe	
N.20	Mississippi	23-25
N.27	@ARKANSAS	33-30 (OT)

** At Atlanta, GA*

Coach: Les Miles **Colors:** Purple and Gold
Nickname: Tigers **2009 Record:** 9-3

MAINE
Orono, ME

S.2	Albany	16-20
S.11	@MONMOUTH	
S.18	@SYRACUSE	24-41
S.25	William & Mary	
0.2	New Hampshire	24-27
0.9	@DELAWARE	17-27
0.16	Villanova	
0.23	@RHODE ISLAND	41-17
N.6	@MASSACHUSETTS	19-9
N.13	@TOWSON	
N.20	James Madison	14-22

Coach: Jack Cosgrove **Colors:** White and Blue
Nickname: Black Bears **2009 Record:** 5-6

MARIST
Poughkeepsie, NY

S.3	Sacred Heart	31-12
S.11	Bucknell	16-17
S.25	Morehead State	24-14
0.2	@DRAKE	6-34
0.9	@VALPARAISO	24-0
0.16	San Diego	10-17
0.30	@CAMPBELL	34-13
N.6	Davidson	14-6
N.13	Dayton	16-27
N.20	@GEORGETOWN	23-21

Coach: Jim Parady **Colors:** Red and White
Nickname: Red Foxes **2009 Record:** 7-4

MARSHALL
Huntington, WV

S.2	@OHIO STATE	
S.10	West Virginia	7-24
S.18	@BOWLING GREEN	17-10
S.25	Ohio	
0.2	@SOUTHERN MISS	20-27
0.13	UCF	20-21
0.23	@EAST CAROLINA	17-21
0.30	UTEP	21-52
N.6	@UAB	27-7
N.13	Memphis	27-16
N.20	@SMU	34-31
N.27	Tulane	31-10

Coach: John "Doc" Holliday
Colors: Green and White
Nickname: Thundering Herd
2009 Record: 6-6

MARYLAND
College Park, MD

S.6	Navy*	
S.11	Morgan State	
S.18	@WEST VIRGINIA	
S.25	Florida International	
0.2	Duke	13-17
0.16	@CLEMSON	24-21
0.23	@BOSTON COLLEGE	17-19
0.30	Wake Forest	32-42
N.6	@MIAMI (FL)	
N.13	@VIRGINIA	9-20
N.20	Florida State	26-29
N.27	North Carolina State	31-38

** At Baltimore, MD*

Coach: Ralph Friedgen
Colors: Red, White, Black and Gold
Nickname: Terrapins
2009 Record: 2-10

MASSACHUSETTS
Amherst, MA

S.4	William & Mary	
S.11	Holy Cross	
S.18	@MICHIGAN	
S.25	@STONY BROOK	44-17
0.2	@TOWSON	
0.16	Richmond	12-34
0.23	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	23-17
0.30	@JAMES MADISON	14-17
N.6	Maine	9-19
N.13	Delaware	27-43
N.20	@RHODE ISLAND	30-10

Coach: Kevin Morris **Colors:** Maroon and White
Nickname: Minutemen **2009 Record:** 5-6

McNEESE STATE
Lake Charles, LA

S.4	Lamar	
S.11	@MISSOURI	
S.25	Cal Poly	
0.2	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	51-23
0.9	Stephen F. Austin	13-16
0.16	@LSU	
0.23	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	36-35
0.30	Nicholls State	38-17
N.6	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	63-42
N.13	Texas State	30-27
N.20	@CENTRAL ARKANSAS	21-17

Coach: Matt Viator **Colors:** Blue and Gold
Nickname: Cowboys **2009 Record:** 9-3

MEMPHIS
Memphis, TN

S.4	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
S.11	@EAST CAROLINA	19-38
S.18	Middle Tennessee	14-31
S.25	@UTEP	35-20
0.2	Tulsa	30-33 (OT)
0.9	@LOUISVILLE	
0.16	Southern Miss	16-36
0.30	Houston	14-55
N.6	Tennessee	28-56
N.13	@MARSHALL	16-27
N.20	@UAB	21-31
N.27	UCF	14-32

Coach: Larry Porter **Colors:** Blue and Gray
Nickname: Tigers **2009 Record:** 2-10

MIAMI (FL)
Coral Gables, FL

S.2	Florida A&M	48-16
S.11	@OHIO STATE	
S.23	@PITTSBURGH	
0.2	@CLEMSON	37-40 (OT)
0.9	Florida State	38-34
0.16	@DUKE	34-16
0.23	North Carolina	24-33
0.30	@VIRGINIA	52-17
N.6	Maryland	
N.13	@GEORGIA TECH	33-17
N.20	Virginia Tech	7-31
N.27	South Florida	31-10

Coach: Randy Shannon
Colors: Orange, Green and White
Nickname: Hurricanes
2009 Record: 9-3

MIAMI (OH)
Oxford, OH

S.4	@FLORIDA	
S.11	Eastern Michigan	
S.18	Colorado State	
S.25	@MISSOURI	
0.2	Kent State	19-29
0.9	@CINCINNATI	13-37
0.16	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	
0.23	Ohio	7-28
0.30	@BUFFALO	17-42
N.10	@BOWLING GREEN	14-35
N.17	@AKRON	
N.23	Temple	32-34

Coach: Mike Haywood **Colors:** Red and White
Nickname: RedHawks **2009 Record:** 1-11

MICHIGAN
Ann Arbor, MI

S.4	Connecticut	
S.11	@NOTRE DAME	38-34
S.18	Massachusetts	
S.25	Bowling Green	
0.2	@INDIANA	36-33
0.9	Michigan State	20-26 (OT)
0.16	Iowa	28-30
0.30	@PENN STATE	10-35
N.6	Illinois	13-38
N.13	@PURDUE	36-38
N.20	Wisconsin	24-45
N.27	@OHIO STATE	10-21

Coach: Rich Rodriguez **Colors:** Maize and Blue
Nickname: Wolverines **2009 Record:** 5-7

MICHIGAN STATE
East Lansing, MI

S.4	Western Michigan	49-14
S.11	Florida Atlantic*	
S.18	Notre Dame	30-33
S.25	Northern Colorado	
0.2	Wisconsin	30-38
0.9	@MICHIGAN	26-20 (OT)
0.16	Illinois	24-14
0.23	@NORTHWESTERN	24-14
0.30	@IOWA	13-15
N.6	Minnesota	34-42
N.20	Purdue	40-37
N.27	@PENN STATE	14-42

** At Detroit, MI*

Coach: Mark Dantonio
Colors: Green and White
Nickname: Spartans
2009 Record: 6-6

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE
Murfreesboro, TN

S.2	Minnesota	
S.11	Austin Peay	
S.18	@MEMPHIS	31-14
S.25	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	34-17
0.5	Troy	7-31
0.16	@GEORGIA TECH	
0.23	Louisiana-Monroe	38-19
N.2	@ARKANSAS STATE	38-14
N.13	North Texas	37-21
N.20	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	62-24
N.27	Florida Atlantic	27-20
D.4	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	48-21

Coach: Rick Stockstill
Colors: Royal Blue and White
Nickname: Blue Raiders
2009 Record: 9-3

MINNESOTA
Minneapolis, MN

S.2	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	
S.11	South Dakota	
S.18	USC	
S.25	Northern Illinois	
0.2	Northwestern	35-24
0.9	@WISCONSIN	28-31
0.16	@PURDUE	35-20
0.23	Penn State	0-20
0.30	Ohio State	7-38
N.6	@MICHIGAN STATE	42-34
N.13	@ILLINOIS	32-35
N.27	Iowa	0-12

Coach: Tim Brewster **Colors:** Maroon and Gold
Nickname: Golden Gophers **2009 Record:** 6-6

MISSISSIPPI STATE
Starkville, MS

S.4	Memphis	
S.9	Auburn	24-49
S.18	@LSU	26-30
S.25	Georgia	
0.2	Alcorn State	
0.9	@HOUSTON	24-31
0.16	@FLORIDA	19-29
0.23	UAB	
0.30	Kentucky	31-24
N.13	@ALABAMA	3-31
N.20	Arkansas	21-42
N.27	@MISSISSIPPI	41-27

Coach: Dan Mullen **Colors:** Maroon and White
Nickname: Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 5-7

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE
Itta Bena, MS

S.4	@ALABAMA STATE	10-3
S.11	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	
S.18	Alcorn State	10-32
S.25	@JACKSON STATE	16-25
0.2	Prairie View A&M	0-38
0.9	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	
0.23	Grambling State	7-50
0.30	@TEXAS SOUTHERN	7-30
N.6	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	7-27
N.13	Alabama A&M	12-17

Coach: Karl Morgan
Colors: Forest Green and White
Nickname: Delta Devils
2009 Record: 3-8

MISSOURI
Columbia, MO

S.4	@ILLINOIS*	37-9
S.11	McNeese State	
S.18	San Diego State	
S.25	Miami (OH)	
0.9	Colorado	36-17
0.16	@TEXAS A&M	
0.23	Oklahoma	
0.30	@NEBRASKA	12-27
N.6	@TEXAS TECH	
N.13	Kansas State	38-12
N.20	@IOWA STATE	34-24
N.26	@KANSAS**	41-39

** At St. Louis, ** At Kansas City*

Coach: Gary Pinkel **Colors:** Old Gold and Black
Nickname: Tigers **2009 Record:** 8-4

MISSOURI STATE
Springfield, MO

S.2	Eastern Kentucky	
S.11	@KANSAS STATE	
S.25	@ILLINOIS STATE	14-24
0.2	Youngstown State	17-7
0.9	@MURRAY STATE	35-10
0.16	@INDIANA STATE	31-7
0.23	Western Illinois	17-16
0.30	Southern Illinois	24-44
N.6	@SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	17-24
N.13	@NORTHERN IOWA	7-35
N.20	North Dakota State	21-17

Coach: Terry Allen **Colors:** Maroon and White
Nickname: Bears **2009 Record:** 6-5

MONMOUTH
West Long Branch, NJ

S.4	@COLGATE	23-35
S.11	Maine	
S.25	Old Dominion	31-28
O.2	@DUQUESNE	17-10
O.16	Bryant	10-6
O.23	St. Francis (PA)	24-10
O.30	Sacred Heart	42-20
N.6	@WAGNER	24-27
N.13	Central Connecticut State	19-20
N.20	@ALBANY	10-35

Coach: Kevin Callahan **Colors:** Blue and White
Nickname: Hawks **2009 Record:** 5-6

MONTANA
Missoula, MT

S.4	Western State	38-0
S.11	@CAL POLY	35-23
S.18	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	41-34
S.25	Sacramento State	45-30
O.2	@NORTHERN COLORADO	38-10
O.9	Idaho State	12-10
O.16	@PORTLAND STATE	49-17
O.23	Northern Arizona	41-34 (OT)
O.30	@WEBER STATE	31-10
N.13	North Dakota	
N.20	Montana State	33-19

Coach: Robin Pflugrad
Colors: Copper, Silver and Gold
Nickname: Grizzlies
2009 Record: 14-1

MONTANA STATE
Bozeman, MT

S.4	Fort Lewis	
S.11	@WASHINGTON STATE	
S.18	Drake	
S.25	Eastern Washington	24-35
O.2	@SACRAMENTO STATE	27-17
O.9	Portland State	28-10
O.16	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	10-23
O.23	Northern Colorado	25-7
O.30	@IDAHO STATE	41-10
N.6	Weber State	26-21
N.20	@MONTANA	19-33

Coach: Rob Ash **Colors:** Blue and Gold
Nickname: Bobcats **2009 Record:** 7-4

MOREHEAD STATE
Morehead, KY

S.4	@JAMES MADISON	
S.11	St. Francis (PA)	0-31
S.25	@MARIST	14-24
O.2	@GEORGIA STATE	
O.16	Davidson	10-16
O.23	@BUTLER	21-28 (OT)
O.30	Jacksonville	0-39
N.6	@SAN DIEGO	7-13
N.13	Valparaiso	29-6
N.20	Campbell	22-31

Coach: Matt Ballard **Colors:** Blue and Gold
Nickname: Eagles **2009 Record:** 3-8

MORGAN STATE
Baltimore, MD

S.4	Bowie State	
S.11	@MARYLAND	
O.2	Bethune-Cookman	24-13
O.9	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	7-6
O.23	Delaware State	22-35
O.30	@FLORIDA A&M	28-31 (OT)
N.6	@NORFOLK STATE	23-31
N.13	South Carolina State	13-37
N.20	Hampton	16-13

Coach: Donald Hill-Eley **Colors:** Blue and Orange
Nickname: Bears **2009 Record:** 6-5

MURRAY STATE
Murray, KY

S.2	@KENT STATE	
S.11	Southeast Missouri State	13-49
S.18	@CENTRAL ARKANSAS	
S.25	Tennessee-Martin	24-38
O.2	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	7-41
O.9	Missouri State	10-35
O.23	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	10-16
O.30	@EASTERN KENTUCKY	13-23
N.6	Tennessee Tech	14-45
N.13	@AUSTIN PEAY	27-17
N.20	Tennessee State	9-6

Coach: Chris Hatcher **Colors:** Navy and Gold
Nickname: Racers **2009 Record:** 3-8

NAVY
Annapolis, MD

S.6	@MARYLAND*	
S.11	Georgia Southern	
S.18	@LOUISIANA TECH	32-14
O.2	@AIR FORCE	16-13 (OT)
O.9	@WAKE FOREST	13-10
O.16	SMU	38-35 (OT)
O.23	Notre Dame**	23-21
O.30	Duke	
N.6	@EAST CAROLINA	
N.13	Central Michigan	
N.20	Arkansas State	
D.11	Army***	17-3

** At Baltimore, MD, ** At East Rutherford, NJ, *** At Philadelphia, PA*

Coach: Ken Niumatalolo
Colors: Navy Blue and Gold
Nickname: Midshipmen
2009 Record: 9-4

NEBRASKA
Lincoln, NE

S.4	Western Kentucky	
S.11	Idaho	
S.18	@WASHINGTON	
S.25	South Dakota State	
O.7	@KANSAS STATE	17-3
O.16	Texas	12-13
O.23	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
O.30	Missouri	27-12
N.6	@IOWA STATE	7-9
N.13	Kansas	31-17
N.20	@TEXAS A&M	
N.26	Colorado	28-20

Coach: Bo Pelini **Colors:** Scarlet and Cream
Nickname: Cornhuskers **2009 Record:** 9-4

NEVADA
Reno, NV

S.2	Eastern Washington	
S.11	Colorado State	20-35
S.17	California	
S.25	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	
O.2	@UNLV	63-28
O.9	San Jose State	62-7
O.16	@HAWAII	31-21
O.30	Utah State	35-32
N.6	@IDAHO	70-45
N.13	@FRESNO STATE	52-14
N.20	New Mexico State	63-20
N.27	Boise State	33-44
D.4	@LOUISIANA TECH	37-14

Coach: Chris Ault **Colors:** Silver and Blue
Nickname: Wolf Pack **2009 Record:** 8-4

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Durham, NH

S.4	Central Connecticut State	
S.11	@PITTSBURGH	
S.18	@RHODE ISLAND	55-42
S.25	Lehigh	
O.2	@MAINE	27-24
O.9	Richmond	
O.16	@JAMES MADISON	
O.23	Massachusetts	17-23
N.6	William & Mary	17-20
N.13	@VILLANOVA	7-46
N.20	Towson	57-7

Coach: Sean McDonnell **Colors:** Blue and White
Nickname: Wildcats **2009 Record:** 10-3

NEW MEXICO
Albuquerque, NM

S.4	@OREGON	
S.11	Texas Tech	28-48
S.18	Utah	14-45
S.25	@UNLV	17-34
O.2	UTEP	
O.9	@NEW MEXICO STATE	17-20
O.23	San Diego State	20-23
O.30	@COLORADO STATE	29-27
N.6	Wyoming	13-37
N.13	@AIR FORCE	13-37
N.20	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	19-24
N.27	TCU	10-51

Coach: Mike Locksley **Colors:** Cherry and Silver
Nickname: Lobos **2009 Record:** 1-11

NEW MEXICO STATE
Las Cruces, NM

S.11	San Diego State	17-34
S.18	@UTEP	12-38
S.25	@KANSAS	
O.2	Boise State	7-42
O.9	New Mexico	20-17
O.16	@FRESNO STATE	3-34
O.23	@IDAHO	6-21
O.30	San Jose State	10-13
N.6	@UTAH STATE	20-17
N.13	Louisiana Tech	7-45
N.20	@NEVADA	20-63
N.27	Hawaii	6-24

Coach: DeWayne Walker
Colors: Crimson and White
Nickname: Aggies
2009 Record: 3-10

NICHOLLS STATE
Thibodaux, LA

S.4	@SAN DIEGO STATE	
S.11	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	
S.25	Bacone College	
O.9	Sam Houston State	21-44
O.16	@TEXAS STATE	28-34
O.23	Central Arkansas	13-42
O.30	@McNEESE STATE	17-38
N.6	Stephen F. Austin	27-31
N.13	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	28-21
N.18	Southeastern Louisiana	45-30

Coach: Charles Stubbs **Colors:** Red and Gray
Nickname: Colonels **2009 Record:** 3-8

NORFOLK STATE
Norfolk, VA

S.2	@RUTGERS	
S.11	North Carolina A&T	13-17
S.18	Virginia State	28-10
S.25	@BETHUNE-COOKMAN	40-14
O.9	@SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	10-37
O.16	@HAMPTON	46-6
O.23	Florida A&M	20-34
O.30	@HOWARD	41-6
N.6	Morgan State	31-23
N.13	Delaware State	21-16
N.20	@SAVANNAH STATE	

Coach: Pete Adrian **Colors:** Green and Gold
Nickname: Spartans **2009 Record:** 7-4

NORTH CAROLINA
Chapel Hill, NC

S.4	LSU*	
S.18	Georgia Tech	7-24
S.25	@RUTGERS	
O.2	East Carolina	31-17
O.9	Clemson	
O.16	@VIRGINIA	3-16
O.23	@MIAMI (FL)	33-24
O.30	William & Mary	
N.6	@FLORIDA STATE	27-30
N.13	Virginia Tech	20-17
N.20	North Carolina State	27-28
N.27	@DUKE	19-6

** At Atlanta, GA*

Coach: Butch Davis **Colors:** Blue and White
Nickname: Tar Heels **2009 Record:** 8-4

NORTH CAROLINA A&T
Greensboro, NC

S.4	Winston-Salem State	19-10
S.11	@NORFOLK STATE	17-13
S.18	@HAMPTON	14-24
S.25	@NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	23-17 (OT)
O.9	Morgan State	6-7
O.16	@DELAWARE STATE	
O.23	Howard	30-19
N.6	Florida A&M	27-31
N.20	South Carolina State	10-28

Coach: Alonzo Lee **Colors:** Blue and Gold
Nickname: Aggies **2009 Record:** 4-6

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL
Durham, NC

S.2	Johnson C. Smith	
S.11	Winston-Salem State	18-10
S.18	@APPALACHIAN STATE	21-55
S.25	North Carolina A&T	17-23 (OT)
O.9	Hampton	24-31
O.16	@GEORGIA STATE	
O.23	Bethune-Cookman	
O.30	Edward Waters	
N.6	@DELAWARE STATE	
N.13	@SAVANNAH STATE	35-14

Coach: Mose Rison **Colors:** Maroon and Gray
Nickname: Eagles **2009 Record:** 4-7

NORTH CAROLINA STATE
Raleigh, NC

S.4	Western Carolina	
S.11	@UCF	
S.16	Cincinnati	
S.25	@GEORGIA TECH	
O.2	Virginia Tech	10-38
O.9	Boston College	20-52
O.16	@EAST CAROLINA	
O.28	Florida State	42-45
N.6	@CLEMSON	23-43
N.13	Wake Forest	24-30
N.20	@NORTH CAROLINA	28-27
N.27	@MARYLAND	38-31

Coach: Tom O'Brien **Colors:** Red and white
Nickname: Wolfpack **2009 Record:** 5-7

NORTH DAKOTA
Grand Forks, ND

S.2	@IDAHO	
S.11	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
S.18	Northeastern State	
S.25	Northwestern State	27-20
O.2	@SOUTH DAKOTA	27-12
O.9	Southern Utah	10-35
O.23	@CAL POLY	31-17
O.30	Lamar	
N.6	UC Davis	20-28
N.13	@MONTANA	

Coach: Chris Mussman
Colors: Kelly Green and White
Nickname: Fighting Sioux
2009 Record: 6-5

NORTH DAKOTA STATE
Fargo, ND

S.4	@KANSAS	
S.11	@NORTHERN IOWA	27-42
S.25	South Dakota	
O.2	Western Illinois	14-7
O.9	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	35-39
O.16	@ILLINOIS STATE	24-27
O.23	Indiana State	56-17
N.6	Southern Illinois	14-24
N.13	South Dakota State	13-28
N.20	@MISSOURI STATE	17-21

Coach: Craig Bohl **Colors:** Green and Yellow
Nickname: Bison **2009 Record:** 3-8

NORTH TEXAS
Denton, TX

S.4	@CLEMSON	
S.11	Rice	
S.18	@ARMY	13-17
S.25	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	40-44
O.2	Louisiana-Lafayette	34-38
O.9	Arkansas State	26-30
O.16	Florida International	28-35
O.30	@WESTERN KENTUCKY	68-49
N.6	Troy	26-50
N.13	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE	21-37
N.20	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	6-33
N.27	Kansas State	

Coach: Todd Dodge **Colors:** Green and White
Nickname: Mean Green **2009 Record:** 2-10

NORTHERN ARIZONA
Flagstaff, AZ

S.2	Western New Mexico	
S.11	@ARIZONA STATE	
S.25	@IDAHO STATE	40-12
O.2	@SOUTHERN UTAH	42-39
O.9	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	45-49
O.16	Montana State	23-10
O.23	@MONTANA	34-41 (OT)
O.30	Sacramento State	24-27
N.6	@NORTHERN COLORADO	35-27
N.13	Weber State	9-27
N.20	Portland State	44-23

Coach: Jerome Souers **Colors:** Blue, Gold and Sage
Nickname: Lumberjacks **2009 Record:** 5-6

NORTHERN COLORADO
Greeley, CO

S.4	Adams State	
S.11	@WEBER STATE	20-28
S.18	Idaho State	30-7
S.25	@MICHIGAN STATE	
O.2	Montana	10-38
O.9	@SACRAMENTO STATE	35-38
O.16	Eastern Washington	0-16
O.23	@MONTANA STATE	7-25
O.30	@SOUTH DAKOTA	21-17
N.6	Northern Arizona	27-35
N.13	@PORTLAND STATE	18-23

Coach: Scott Downing **Colors:** Navy and Gold
Nickname: Bears **2009 Record:** 3-8

NORTHERN ILLINOIS
De Kalb, IL

S.2	@IOWA STATE	
S.11	North Dakota	
S.18	@ILLINOIS	
S.25	@MINNESOTA	
O.2	@AKRON	27-10
O.9	Temple	
O.16	Buffalo	
O.23	Central Michigan	31-45
O.30	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	38-3
N.9	Toledo	19-20
N.20	@BALL STATE	26-20
N.26	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	50-6

Coach: Jerry Kill **Colors:** Cardinal and Black
Nickname: Huskies **2009 Record:** 7-5

NORTHERN IOWA
Cedar Falls, IA

S.11	North Dakota State	42-27
S.18	Stephen F. Austin	
S.25	@IOWA STATE	
O.2	South Dakota State	14-24
O.9	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	20-27
O.16	@SOUTH DAKOTA	66-7
O.23	Illinois State	20-22
O.30	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	28-7
N.6	@INDIANA STATE	62-7
N.13	Missouri State	35-7
N.20	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	34-0

Coach: Mark Farley **Colors:** Purple and Old Gold
Nickname: Panthers **2009 Record:** 7-4

NORTHWESTERN
Evanston, IL

S.4	@VANDERBILT	
S.11	Illinois State	
S.18	@RICE	
S.25	Central Michigan	
O.2	@MINNESOTA	24-35
O.9	Purdue	27-21
O.23	Michigan State	14-24
O.30	@INDIANA	29-28
N.6	@PENN STATE	13-34
N.13	Iowa	17-10
N.20	Illinois	21-16
N.27	@WISCONSIN	33-31

Coach: Pat Fitzgerald **Colors:** Purple and White
Nickname: Wildcats **2009 Record:** 8-4

NORTHWESTERN STATE
Natchitoches, LA

S.4	@AIR FORCE	
S.11	Samford	
S.18	Tarleton State	
S.25	@NORTH DAKOTA	20-27
O.2	McNeese State	23-51
O.9	@CENTRAL ARKANSAS	0-34
O.23	@TEXAS STATE	17-20
O.30	Sam Houston State	30-34
N.6	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	0-27
N.13	Nicholls State	21-28
N.20	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	10-19

Coach: Bradley Dale Peveto
Colors: Purple, White and Orange
Nickname: Demons
2009 Record: 0-11

NOTRE DAME
Notre Dame, IN

S.4	Purdue	24-21
S.11	Michigan	34-38
S.18	@MICHIGAN STATE	33-30
S.25	Stanford	38-45
O.2	@BOSTON COLLEGE	20-16
O.9	Pittsburgh	22-27
O.16	Western Michigan	
O.23	@NAVY*	21-23
O.30	Tulsa	
N.13	Utah	
N.20	Army**	
N.27	@USC	27-34

**At East Rutherford, NJ, ** At Bronx, NY*

Coach: Brian Kelly
Colors: Gold and Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish
2009 Record: 6-6

OHIO
Athens, OH

S.4	Wofford	
S.11	Toledo	
S.18	@OHIO STATE	
S.25	@MARSHALL	
O.2	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	
O.9	Bowling Green	44-37
O.16	Akron	19-7
O.23	@MIAMI (OH)	28-7
O.30	Louisiana-Lafayette	
N.4	Buffalo	27-24
N.16	@TEMPLE	35-17
N.26	@KENT STATE	11-20

Coach: Frank Solich
Colors: Hunter Green and White
Nickname: Bobcats
2009 Record: 9-4

OHIO STATE
Columbus, OH

S.2	Marshall	
S.11	Miami (FL)	
S.18	Ohio	
S.25	Eastern Michigan	
O.2	@ILLINOIS	30-0
O.9	Indiana	33-14
O.16	@WISCONSIN	31-13
O.23	Purdue	18-26
O.30	@MINNESOTA	38-7
N.13	Penn State	24-7
N.20	@IOWA	27-24 (OT)
N.27	Michigan	21-10

Coach: Jim Tressel **Colors:** Scarlet and Gray
Nickname: Buckeyes **2009 Record:** 10-2

OKLAHOMA
Norman, OK

S.4	Utah State	
S.11	Florida State	
S.18	Air Force	
S.25	@CINCINNATI*	
O.2	Texas**	13-16
O.16	Iowa State	
O.23	@MISSOURI	
O.30	Colorado	
N.6	@TEXAS A&M	65-10
N.13	Texas Tech	13-41
N.20	@BAYLOR	33-7
N.27	@OKLAHOMA STATE	27-0

** At Cincinnati, OH, ** At Arlington, TX*

Coach: Bob Stoops **Colors:** Crimson and Cream
Nickname: Sooners **2009 Record:** 7-5

OKLAHOMA STATE
Stillwater, OK

S.4	Washington State	
S.11	Troy	
S.18	Tulsa	
0.2	Texas A&M	36-31
0.8	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	
0.16	@TEXAS TECH	24-17
0.23	Nebraska	
0.30	@KANSAS STATE	
N.6	Baylor	34-7
N.13	@TEXAS	14-41
N.20	@KANSAS	
N.27	Oklahoma	0-27

Coach: Mike Gundy **Colors:** Orange and Black
Nickname: Cowboys **2009 Record:** 9-3

OLD DOMINION
Norfolk, VA

S.4	Jacksonville	28-27
S.11	@CAMPBELL	28-17
S.18	William & Mary	
S.25	@MONMOUTH	28-31
0.2	Gardner-Webb	
0.9	Cal Poly	
0.23	Georgia State	
0.30	@HAMPTON	
N.6	Savannah State	38-17
N.13	UMI	42-35
N.20	@NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	42-28

Coach: Bobby Wilder
Colors: Slate Blue, Silver and Light Blue
Nickname: Monarchs
2009 Record: 9-2

OLE MISS
Oxford, MS

S.4	Jacksonville State	
S.11	@TULANE	
S.18	Vanderbilt	23-7
S.25	Fresno State	
0.2	Kentucky	
0.16	@ALABAMA	3-22
0.23	@ARKANSAS	30-17
0.30	Auburn	20-33
N.6	Louisiana-Lafayette	
N.13	@TENNESSEE	42-17
N.20	@LSU	25-23
N.27	Mississippi State	27-41

Coach: Houston Nutt
Colors: Cardinal Red and Navy Blue
Nickname: Rebels
2009 Record: 8-4

OREGON
Eugene, OR

S.4	New Mexico	
S.11	@TENNESSEE	
S.18	Portland State	
S.25	@ARIZONA STATE	44-21
0.2	Stanford	42-51
0.9	@WASHINGTON STATE	52-6
0.21	UCLA	24-10
0.30	@USC	47-20
N.6	Washington	43-19
N.13	@CALIFORNIA	42-3
N.26	Arizona	44-41 (OT)
D.4	@OREGON STATE	37-33

Coach: Chip Kelly
Colors: Emerald Green and Lemon Yellow
Nickname: Ducks
2009 Record: 10-2

OREGON STATE
Corvallis, OR

S.4	@TCU*	
S.18	Louisville	
S.25	@BOISE STATE	
0.2	Arizona State	28-17
0.9	@ARIZONA	32-37
0.16	@WASHINGTON	48-21
0.30	California	31-14
N.6	@UCLA	26-19
N.13	Washington State	42-10
N.20	USC	36-42
N.27	@STANFORD	38-28
D.4	Oregon	33-37

** At Arlington, TX*

Coach: Mike Riley **Colors:** Orange and Black
Nickname: Beavers **2009 Record:** 8-4

PENN STATE
University Park, PA

S.4	Youngstown State	
S.11	@ALABAMA	
S.18	Kent State	
S.25	Temple	31-6
0.2	@IOWA	10-21
0.9	Illinois	35-17
0.23	@MINNESOTA	20-0
0.30	Michigan	35-10
N.6	Northwestern	34-13
N.13	@OHIO STATE	7-24
N.20	@INDIANA*	31-20
N.27	Michigan State	42-14

** At Landover, MD*

Coach: Joe Paterno **Colors:** Blue and White
Nickname: Nittany Lions **2009 Record:** 10-2

PENNSYLVANIA
Philadelphia, PA

S.18	Lafayette	17-20 (OT)
S.25	@VILLANOVA	3-14
0.2	Dartmouth	30-24
0.9	@BUCKNELL	
0.16	Columbia	27-13
0.23	@YALE	9-0
0.30	Brown	14-7 (OT)
N.6	@PRINCETON	42-7
N.13	Harvard	17-7
N.20	@CORNELL	34-0

Coach: Al Bagnoli **Colors:** Red and Blue
Nickname: Quakers **2009 Record:** 8-2

PITTSBURGH
Pittsburgh, PA

S.2	@UTAH	
S.11	New Hampshire	
S.23	Miami (FL)	
0.2	Florida International	
0.9	@NOTRE DAME	27-22
0.16	@SYRACUSE	37-10
0.23	Rutgers	24-17
0.30	Louisville	35-10
N.10	@CONNECTICUT	24-21
N.20	@SOUTH FLORIDA	41-14
N.26	West Virginia	16-19
D.4	@CINCINNATI	44-45

Coach: Dave Wannstedt **Colors:** Blue and Gold
Nickname: Panthers **2009 Record:** 9-3

PORTLAND STATE
Portland, OR

S.4	@ARIZONA STATE	
S.11	@UC DAVIS	31-34
S.18	@OREGON	
0.2	Idaho State	34-41
0.9	@MONTANA STATE	10-28
0.16	Montana	17-49
0.23	@WEBER STATE	29-36
0.30	Eastern Washington	10-47
N.6	@SACRAMENTO STATE	14-31
N.13	Northern Colorado	23-18
N.20	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	23-44

Coach: Nigel Burton
Colors: Green, White and Silver
Nickname: Vikings
2009 Record: 2-9

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M
Prairie View, TX

S.11	@SOUTHERN MISS	
S.18	Alabama State	24-10
0.2	@MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	38-0
0.9	@ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF	49-17
0.16	Lincoln (MO)	
0.23	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY*	16-14
0.30	@JACKSON STATE	
N.13	Alcorn State	34-14
N.20	@ALABAMA A&M	30-24

** At Shreveport, LA*

Coach: Henry Frazier **Colors:** Purple and Gold
Nickname: Panthers **2009 Record:** 9-1

PRESBYTERIAN
Clinton, SC

S.2	@WAKE FOREST	
S.11	@CLEMSON	
S.18	@CITADEL	21-46
S.25	North Greenville	
0.2	@VIRGINIA MILITARY	20-31
0.16	Coastal Carolina	37-41
0.23	@GARDNER-WEBB	14-21
0.30	Liberty	19-55
N.6	Stony Brook	14-52
N.13	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	32-46
N.20	Old Dominion	16-34

Coach: Harold Nichols **Colors:** Garnet and Blue
Nickname: Blue Hose **2009 Record:** 0-11

PRINCETON
Princeton, NJ

S.18	@LEHIGH	17-14
S.25	Lafayette	
0.2	@COLUMBIA	0-38
0.9	Colgate	14-21 (OT)
0.16	Brown	17-34
0.23	Harvard	3-37
0.30	@CORNELL	17-13
N.6	Pennsylvania	7-42
N.13	@YALE	24-17
N.19	Dartmouth	23-11

Coach: Bob Surace **Colors:** Orange and Black
Nickname: Tigers **2009 Record:** 4-6

PURDUE
West Lafayette, IN

S.4	@NOTRE DAME	21-24
S.11	Western Illinois	
S.18	Ball State	
S.25	Toledo	52-31
0.9	@NORTHWESTERN	21-27
0.16	Minnesota	20-35
0.23	@OHIO STATE	26-18
0.30	@ILLINOIS	24-14
N.6	Wisconsin	0-37
N.13	Michigan	38-36
N.20	@MICHIGAN STATE	37-40
N.27	Indiana	38-21

Coach: Danny Hope **Colors:** Old Gold and Black
Nickname: Boilermakers **2009 Record:** 5-7

RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, RI

S.2	@BUFFALO	
S.11	@FORDHAM	41-28
S.18	New Hampshire	42-55
0.2	Brown	20-28
0.9	@WILLIAM & MARY	14-39
0.16	@DELAWARE	
0.23	Maine	17-41
0.30	@TOWSON	28-36
N.6	Villanova	7-36
N.13	@RICHMOND	
N.20	Massachusetts	10-30

Coach: Joe Trainer
Colors: Keaney Blue, Dark Blue and White
Nickname: Rams
2009 Record: 1-10

RICE
Houston, TX

S.4	Texas*	
S.11	@NORTH TEXAS	
S.18	Northwestern	
S.25	Baylor	
0.2	SMU	28-31
0.9	@UTEP	30-29
0.16	Houston	14-73
0.23	@UCF	7-49
N.6	@TULSA	10-27
N.13	@TULANE	28-20
N.20	East Carolina	13-49
N.27	UAB	24-44

**At Houston, TX*

Coach: David Bailiff
Colors: Blue and Gray
Nickname: Owls
2009 Record: 2-10

RICHMOND
Richmond, VA

S.4	@VIRGINIA	
S.18	Elon	16-13
S.25	Delaware	16-15
0.2	Coastal Carolina	
0.9	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	
0.16	@MASSACHUSETTS	34-12
0.23	Towson	42-14
0.30	@VILLANOVA	20-21
N.6	James Madison	21-17
N.13	Rhode Island	
N.20	@WILLIAM & MARY	13-10

Coach: Mike London **Colors:** Red and Blue
Nickname: Spiders **2009 Record:** 11-2

RUTGERS
Piscataway, NJ

S.2	Norfolk State	
S.11	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	23-15
S.25	North Carolina	
0.2	Tulane	
0.8	Connecticut	28-24
0.16	Army*	27-10
0.23	@PITTSBURGH	17-24
N.3	@SOUTH FLORIDA	31-0
N.13	Syracuse	13-31
N.20	@CINCINNATI	15-47
N.26	Louisville	34-14
D.4	@WEST VIRGINIA	21-24

** At East Rutherford, NJ*

Coach: Greg Schiano **Colors:** Scarlet
Nickname: Scarlet Knights **2009 Record:** 8-4

SACRAMENTO STATE
Sacramento, CA

S.4	@STANFORD	
S.11	Western Oregon	
S.18	Weber State	10-49
S.25	@MONTANA	30-45
0.2	Montana State	17-27
0.9	Northern Colorado	38-35
0.23	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	30-56
0.30	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	27-24
N.6	Portland State	31-14
N.13	@IDAHO STATE	38-17
N.20	@UC DAVIS	31-28

Coach: Marshall Sperbeck
Colors: Green and Gold
Nickname: Hornets
2009 Record: 5-6

SACRED HEART
Fairfield, CT

S.3	@MARIST	12-31
S.11	Robert Morris	7-9
S.18	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	29-7
S.25	@DARTMOUTH	
0.2	Central Connecticut State	12-24
0.9	@BRYANT	24-14
0.16	@DUQUESNE	42-45
0.23	Georgetown	
0.30	@MONMOUTH	20-42
N.6	Albany	9-22
N.20	Wagner	28-49

Coach: Paul Gorham **Colors:** Red and White
Nickname: Pioneers **2009 Record:** 2-8

SAM HOUSTON STATE
Huntsville, TX

S.4	@BAYLOR	
S.18	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	28-35
S.25	Gardner-Webb	
0.2	@LAMAR	
0.9	@NICHOLLS STATE	44-21
0.16	Southeastern Louisiana	21-37
0.30	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	34-30
N.6	McNeese State	42-63
N.13	@CENTRAL ARKANSAS	17-14
N.20	Texas State	20-28

Coach: Willie Fritz
Colors: Orange and White
Nickname: Bearkats
2009 Record: 5-6

SAMFORD
Birmingham, AL

S.4	@FLORIDA STATE	
S.11	@NORTHWESTERN STATE	
S.16	Newberry	
S.25	Appalachian State	7-20
0.2	@ELON	7-27
0.9	@WESTERN CAROLINA	16-3
0.16	Furman	24-26
0.30	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	31-10
N.6	Wofford	27-24
N.13	@CHATTANOOGA	7-14
N.20	Citadel	16-28

Coach: Pat Sullivan **Colors:** Red and Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 5-6

SAN DIEGO
San Diego, CA

S.4	Azusa Pacific	24-12
S.11	@SOUTHERN UTAH	32-37
S.18	UC Davis	
S.25	Butler	24-25
0.9	Dayton	14-21
0.16	@MARIST	17-10
0.23	Valparaiso	48-7
0.30	@DRAKE	14-21
N.6	Morehead State	13-7
N.13	@DAVIDSON	27-34

Coach: Ron Caragher
Colors: Navy, Columbia Blue and White
Nickname: Toreros
2009 Record: 4-7

SAN DIEGO STATE
San Diego, CA

S.4	Nicholls State	
S.11	@NEW MEXICO STATE	34-17
S.18	@MISSOURI	
S.25	Utah State	
0.9	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	28-38
0.16	Air Force	14-26
0.23	@NEW MEXICO	23-20
0.30	@WYOMING	27-30
N.6	Colorado State	42-28
N.13	@TCU	12-55
N.20	Utah	7-38
N.27	UNLV	24-28

Coach: Brady Hoke **Colors:** Scarlet and Black
Nickname: Aztecs **2009 Record:** 4-8

SAN JOSE STATE
San Jose, CA

S.4	@ALABAMA	
S.11	@WISCONSIN	
S.18	Southern Utah	
S.25	@UTAH	14-24
0.2	UC Davis	
0.9	@NEVADA	7-62
0.16	Boise State	7-45
0.23	Fresno State	21-41
0.30	@NEW MEXICO STATE	13-10
N.13	Utah State	9-24
N.20	@HAWAII	10-17 (OT)
N.27	Louisiana Tech	20-55
D.4	@IDAHO	25-29

Coach: Mike MacIntyre
Colors: Gold, Blue and White
Nickname: Spartans
2009 Record: 2-10

SOUTH CAROLINA
Columbia, SC

S.2	Southern Miss	
S.11	Georgia	37-41
S.18	Furman	
S.25	@AUBURN	
0.9	Alabama	6-20
0.16	@KENTUCKY	28-26
0.23	@VANDERBILT	14-10
0.30	Tennessee	13-31
N.6	Arkansas	16-33
N.13	@FLORIDA	14-24
N.20	Troy	
N.27	@CLEMSON	34-17

Coach: Steve Spurrier
Colors: Garnet and Black
Nickname: Gamecocks
2009 Record: 7-5

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
Orangeburg, SC

S.4	@GEORGIA TECH	
S.11	Mississippi Valley State	
S.18	@BENEDICT	
0.2	@FLORIDA A&M	35-20
0.9	Norfolk State	37-10
0.16	Bethune-Cookman	24-3
0.23	Hampton	21-9
0.30	@DELAWARE STATE	52-10
N.6	Howard	43-13
N.13	@MORGAN STATE	37-13
N.20	@NORTH CAROLINA A&T	28-10

Coach: Buddy Pough **Colors:** Garnet and Blue
Nickname: Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 10-2

SOUTH DAKOTA
Vermillion, SD

S.4	@UCF	
S.11	@MINNESOTA	
S.18	Northwestern Oklahoma State	
S.25	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	
0.2	North Dakota	12-27
0.9	@UC DAVIS	23-24 (OT)
0.16	Northern Iowa	7-66
0.23	@SOUTHERN UTAH	45-21
0.30	Northern Colorado	17-21
N.6	Cal Poly	50-48
N.13	@LAMAR	

Coach: Ed Meierkort
Colors: Vermillion and White
Nickname: Coyotes
2009 Record: 5-5

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
Brookings, SD

S.11	@DELAWARE	
S.18	Illinois State	38-17
S.25	@NEBRASKA	
0.2	@NORTHERN IOWA	24-14
0.9	Western Illinois	27-7
0.16	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	15-34
0.23	Youngstown State	17-3
0.30	@INDIANA STATE	41-0
N.6	Missouri State	24-17
N.13	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	28-13

Coach: John Stiegelmeier
Colors: Yellow and Blue
Nickname: Jackrabbits
2009 Record: 8-4

SOUTH FLORIDA
Tampa, FL

S.4	Stony Brook	
S.11	@FLORIDA	
S.25	Western Kentucky	35-13
0.2	Florida Atlantic	
0.9	Syracuse	34-20
0.14	@WEST VIRGINIA	30-19
0.22	@CINCINNATI	17-34
N.3	Rutgers	0-31
N.13	@LOUISVILLE	34-22
N.20	Pittsburgh	14-41
N.27	@MIAMI (FL)	10-31
D.4	Connecticut	27-29

Coach: Skip Holtz
Colors: Green and Gold
Nickname: Bulls
2009 Record: 7-5

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE
Cape Girardeau, MO

S.2	@BALL STATE	

S.11	@MURRAY STATE	49-13
S.18	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	24-42
S.25	Tennessee Tech	16-28
O.2	@EASTERN ILLINOIS	14-23
O.9	Tennessee State	17-23
O.16	@AUSTIN PEAY	14-24
O.23	Eastern Kentucky	6-20
O.30	Tennessee-Martin	22-29
N.6	Southwest Baptist	
N.13	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	3-24

Coach: Tony Samuel
Colors: Red, White and Black
Nickname: Redhawks
2009 Record: 2-9

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA
Hammond, LA

S.4	@TULANE	
S.11	Tennessee-Martin	
S.18	Lamar	
S.25	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	
O.9	Texas State	51-50 (OT)
O.16	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	37-21
O.23	McNeese State	35-36
O.30	@CENTRAL ARKANSAS	25-21
N.6	Northwestern State	27-0
N.13	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	10-41
N.18	@NICHOLLS STATE	30-45

Coach: Mike Lucas **Colors:** Green and Gold
Nickname: Lions **2009 Record:** 6-5

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
Carbondale, IL

S.2	Quincy	
S.11	@ILLINOIS	
S.18	Southeast Missouri State	42-24
S.25	@YOUNGSTOWN STATE	27-8
O.2	@ILLINOIS STATE	43-23
O.9	Northern Iowa	27-20
O.16	South Dakota State	34-15
O.30	@MISSOURI STATE	44-24
N.6	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	24-14
N.13	Western Illinois	30-10
N.20	Indiana State	33-0

Coach: Dale Lennon
Colors: Maroon and White
Nickname: Salukis
2009 Record: 11-2

SMU
Dallas, TX

S.4	@TEXAS TECH	
S.11	UAB	35-33
S.18	Washington State	27-30 (OT)
S.24	TCU	14-39
O.2	@RICE	31-28
O.9	Tulsa	27-13
O.16	@NAVY	35-38 (OT)
O.23	Houston	15-38
O.30	@TULANE	26-21
N.6	@UTEP	35-31
N.20	Marshall	31-34
N.27	@EAST CAROLINA	28-21

Coach: June Jones **Colors:** Red and Blue
Nickname: Mustangs **2009 Record:** 7-5

SOUTHERN MISS
Hattiesburg, MS

S.2	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
S.11	Prairie View A&M	
S.17	Kansas	28-35
S.25	@LOUISIANA TECH	
O.2	Marshall	27-20
O.9	East Carolina	20-25
O.16	@MEMPHIS	36-16
O.30	UAB	17-30
N.6	@TULANE	43-6
N.13	@UCF	26-19
N.20	Houston	43-50
N.27	@TULSA	44-34

Coach: Larry Fedora **Colors:** Black and Gold
Nickname: Golden Eagles **2009 Record:** 7-5

SOUTHERN UTAH
Cedar City, UT

S.4	@WYOMING	
S.11	San Diego	37-32
S.18	@SAN JOSE STATE	
S.25	@TEXAS STATE	38-16
O.2	Northern Arizona	39-42
O.9	@NORTH DAKOTA	35-10
O.16	Cal Poly	23-24
O.23	South Dakota	21-45
O.30	@UC DAVIS	56-35
N.6	Dixie State	36-7
N.13	@EASTERN WASHINGTON	28-41

Coach: Ed Lamb **Colors:** Scarlet and White
Nickname: Thunderbirds **2009 Record:** 5-6

ST. FRANCIS (PA)
Loretto, PA

S.4	@LIBERTY	
S.11	@MOREHEAD STATE	31-0
S.18	Sacred Heart	7-29
O.2	Robert Morris	0-28
O.9	@ALBANY	6-27
O.16	Wagner	48-56 (OT)
O.23	@MONMOUTH	10-24
O.30	@CAL POLY	
N.6	Bryant	12-35
N.13	@DUQUESNE	31-14
N.20	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	13-14

Coach: Chris Villarial **Colors:** Red and White
Nickname: Red Flash **2009 Record:** 2-9

STANFORD
Stanford, CA

S.4	Sacramento State	
S.11	@UCLA	24-16
S.18	Wake Forest	17-24
S.25	@NOTRE DAME	45-38
O.2	@OREGON	51-42
O.9	USC	55-21
O.23	Washington State	39-13
O.30	@WASHINGTON	34-14
N.6	Arizona	38-43
N.13	@ARIZONA STATE	33-14
N.20	@CALIFORNIA	28-34
N.27	Oregon State	28-38

Coach: Jim Harbaugh
Colors: Cardinal and White
Nickname: Cardinal
2009 Record: 8-4

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
Nacogdoches, TX

S.4	@TEXAS A&M	
S.11	Albany	
S.18	@NORTHERN IOWA	
S.25	Lamar	
O.9	@McNEESE STATE	16-13
O.16	Central Arkansas	33-30
O.30	Texas State	7-28
N.6	@NICHOLLS STATE	31-27
N.13	Southeastern Louisiana	41-10
N.20	Northwestern State	19-10

Coach: J.C. Harper
Colors: Purple and White
Nickname: Lumberjacks
2009 Record: 10-3

STONY BROOK
Stony Brook, NY

S.4	@SOUTH FLORIDA	
S.11	American International	
S.18	@BROWN	21-20
S.25	Massachusetts	17-44
O.9	Virginia Military	27-20
O.16	@LAFAYETTE	
O.23	@COASTAL CAROLINA	16-10
O.30	Charleston Southern	27-30 (OT)
N.6	@PRESBYTERIAN	52-14
N.13	Gardner-Webb	24-14
N.20	@LIBERTY	36-33

Coach: Chuck Priore
Colors: Red, Blue and Gray
Nickname: Seawolves
2009 Record: 6-5

SYRACUSE
Syracuse, NY

S.4	@AKRON	28-14
S.11	@WASHINGTON	
S.18	Maine	41-24
S.25	Colgate	
O.9	@SOUTH FLORIDA	20-34
O.16	Pittsburgh	10-37
O.23	@WEST VIRGINIA	13-34
O.30	@CINCINNATI	7-28
N.6	Louisville	9-10
N.13	@RUTGERS	31-13
N.20	Connecticut	31-56
N.27	Boston College	

Coach: Doug Marrone **Colors:** Orange
Nickname: Orange **2009 Record:** 4-8

TCU
Fort Worth, TX

S.4	Oregon State*	
S.11	Tennessee Tech	
S.18	Baylor	
S.24	@SMU	39-14
O.2	@COLORADO STATE	44-6
O.9	Wyoming	45-10
O.16	Brigham Young	38-7
O.23	Air Force	20-17
O.30	@UNLV	41-0
N.6	@UTAH	55-28
N.13	San Diego State	55-12
N.27	@NEW MEXICO	51-10

** At Arlington, TX*

Coach: Gary Patterson **Colors:** Purple and White
Nickname: Horned Frogs **2009 Record:** 12-0

TEMPLE
Philadelphia, PA

S.4	Villanova	24-27
S.11	Central Michigan	
S.18	Connecticut	
S.25	@PENN STATE	6-31
O.2	@ARMY	27-13
O.9	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	
O.16	Bowling Green	
O.23	@BUFFALO	37-13
O.30	Akron	56-17
N.6	@KENT STATE	47-13
N.16	Ohio	17-35
N.23	@MIAMI (OH)	34-32

Coach: Al Golden **Colors:** Cherry and White
Nickname: Owls **2009 Record:** 9-3

TENNESSEE
Knoxville, TN

S.4	Tennessee-Martin	
S.11	Oregon	
S.18	Florida	13-23
S.25	UAB	
O.2	@LSU	
O.9	@GEORGIA	45-19
O.23	Alabama	10-12
O.30	@SOUTH CAROLINA	31-13
N.6	@MEMPHIS	56-28
N.13	Mississippi	17-42
N.20	@VANDERBILT	31-16
N.27	Kentucky	30-24 (OT)

Coach: Derek Dooley
Colors: Orange and White
Nickname: Volunteers
2009 Record: 7-5

TENNESSEE STATE
Nashville, TN

S.4	Alabama A&M	7-24
S.18	Austin Peay	21-24
S.25	@FLORIDA A&M	12-31
O.9	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	23-17
O.16	@JACKSONVILLE STATE	
O.23	Tennessee Tech	13-20
N.6	Eastern Illinois	21-10
N.13	@TENNESSEE-MARTIN	7-28
N.20	@MURRAY STATE	6-9

Coach: Rod Reed
Colors: Royal Blue and White
Nickname: Tigers
2009 Record: 4-7

TENNESSEE-MARTIN
Martin, TN

S.4	@TENNESSEE	
S.11	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	
S.18	Eastern Illinois	13-49
S.25	@MURRAY STATE	38-24
O.9	Jacksonville State	7-52
O.16	Eastern Kentucky	25-31
O.23	Lambuth	
O.30	@SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE	29-22
N.6	@AUSTIN PEAY	48-38
N.13	Tennessee State	28-7

Coach: Jason Simpson
Colors: Navy Blue and Orange
Nickname: Skyhawks
2009 Record: 5-6

TEXAS
Austin, TX

S.4	@RICE*	
S.11	Wyoming	41-10
S.18	@TEXAS TECH	34-24
S.25	UCLA	
O.2	@OKLAHOMA**	16-13
O.16	@NEBRASKA	13-12
O.23	Iowa State	
O.30	Baylor	47-14
N.6	@KANSAS STATE	
N.13	Oklahoma State	41-14
N.20	Florida Atlantic	
N.25	Texas A&M	49-39

** At Houston, TX, ** At Arlington, TX*

Coach: Mack Brown
Colors: White and Burnt Orange
Nickname: Longhorns
2009 Record: 13-0

TEXAS A&M
College Station, TX

S.4	Stephen F. Austin	
S.11	Louisiana Tech	
S.18	Florida International	
O.2	@OKLAHOMA STATE	31-36
O.9	Arkansas*	19-47
O.16	Missouri	
O.23	@KANSAS	
O.30	Texas Tech	52-30
N.6	Oklahoma	10-65
N.13	@BAYLOR	38-3
N.20	Nebraska	
N.25	@TEXAS	39-49

@ At Arlington, TX

Coach: Mike Sherman
Colors: Maroon and White
Nickname: Aggies
2009 Record: 6-6

TEXAS SOUTHERN
Houston, TX

S.4	@PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	7-17
S.11	@CONNECTICUT	
S.18	Alabama A&M	
O.2	@ALABAMA STATE	51-21
O.9	@ALCORN STATE	51-21
O.23	Jackson State	19-17
O.30	Mississippi Valley State	30-7
N.6	@SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	30-25
N.13	Grambling State	33-47
N.20	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	14-10

Coach: Johnnie Cole **Colors:** Maroon and Gray
Nickname: Tigers **2009 Record:** 6-5

TEXAS STATE
San Marcos, TX

S.4	@HOUSTON	
S.11	Southern Arkansas	
S.18	Cal Poly	
S.25	Southern Utah	16-38
O.9	@SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	50-51 (OT)
O.16	Nicholls State	34-28
O.23	Northwestern State	20-17
O.30	@STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	28-7
N.6	Central Arkansas	27-24
N.13	@McNEESE STATE	27-30
N.20	@SAM HOUSTON STATE	28-20

Coach: Brad Wright **Colors:** Maroon and Gold
Nickname: Bobcats **2009 Record:** 7-4

TEXAS TECH
Lubbock, TX

S.4	SMU	
S.11	@NEW MEXICO	48-28
S.18	Texas	24-34
O.2	@IOWA STATE	
O.9	@BAYLOR*	20-13
O.16	Oklahoma State	17-24
O.23	@COLORADO	
O.30	@TEXAS A&M	30-52
N.6	Missouri	
N.13	@OKLAHOMA	41-13
N.20	Weber State	
N.27	Houston	28-29

** At Dallas, TX*

Coach: Tommy Tuberville
Colors: Scarlet and Black
Nickname: Red Raiders
2009 Record: 8-4

TOLEDO
Toledo, OH

S.3	Arizona	
S.11	@OHIO	
S.18	@WESTERN MICHIGAN	26-58
S.25	@PURDUE	31-52
O.2	Wyoming	
O.9	@BOISE STATE	
O.16	Kent State	
O.23	Ball State	37-30
O.30	@EASTERN MICHIGAN	47-21
N.9	@NORTHERN ILLINOIS	20-19
N.17	Bowling Green	24-38
N.26	Central Michigan	28-56

Coach: Tim Beckman
Colors: Midnight Blue and Gold
Nickname: Rockets
2009 Record: 5-7

TOWSON
Towson, MD

S.2	@INDIANA	
S.11	Coastal Carolina	21-17
S.18	@VILLANOVA	7-49
S.25	@COLUMBIA	
O.2	Massachusetts	
O.9	James Madison	12-43
O.23	@RICHMOND	14-42
O.30	Rhode Island	36-28
N.6	@DELAWARE	21-49
N.13	Maine	
N.20	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	7-57

Coach: Rob Ambrose
Colors: White, Gold and Black
Nickname: Tigers
2009 Record: 2-9

TROY
Troy, AL

S.4	Bowling Green	14-31
S.11	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
S.18	@UAB	27-14
S.25	Arkansas State	30-27
O.5	@MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	31-7
O.16	Louisiana-Lafayette	48-31
O.30	@LOUISIANA-MONROE	42-21
N.6	@NORTH TEXAS	50-26
N.13	Florida International	42-33
N.20	@SOUTH CAROLINA	
N.27	Western Kentucky	40-20
D.4	@FLORIDA ATLANTIC	47-21

Coach: Larry Blakeney
Colors: Cardinal, Silver & Black
Nickname: Trojans
2009 Record: 9-3

TULANE
New Orleans, LA

S.4	Southeastern Louisiana	
S.11	Mississippi	
S.25	@HOUSTON	16-44
O.2	@RUTGERS	
O.9	Army	17-16
O.16	@TULSA	13-37
O.23	@UTEP	45-38 (OT)
O.30	SMU	21-26
N.6	Southern Miss	6-43
N.13	Rice	20-28
N.20	UCF	0-49
N.27	@MARSHALL	10-31

Coach: Bob Toledo
Colors: Olive Green and Sky Blue
Nickname: Green Wave
2009 Record: 3-9

TULSA
Tulsa, OK

S.5	@EAST CAROLINA	17-44
S.11	Bowling Green	
S.18	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
S.25	Central Arkansas	
O.2	@MEMPHIS	33-30 (OT)
O.9	@SMU	13-27
O.16	Tulane	37-13
O.30	@NOTRE DAME	
N.6	Rice	27-10
N.13	@HOUSTON	45-46
N.20	UTEP	24-28
N.27	Southern Miss	34-44

Coach: Todd Graham
Colors: Crimson, Royal Blue and Old Gold
Nickname: Golden Hurricane
2009 Record: 5-7

UAB
Birmingham, AL

S.4	Florida Atlantic	56-29
S.11	@SMU	33-35
S.18	Troy	14-27
S.25	@TENNESSEE	
O.6	@UCF	27-34
O.16	UTEP	38-33
O.23	@MISSISSIPPI STATE	
O.30	@SOUTHERN MISS	30-17
N.6	Marshall	7-27
N.13	East Carolina	21-37
N.20	Memphis	31-21
N.27	@RICE	44-24

Coach: Neil Callaway
Colors: Forest Green and Old Gold
Nickname: Blazers
2009 Record: 5-7

UC DAVIS
Davis, CA

S.4	@CALIFORNIA	
S.11	Portland State	34-31
S.18	@SAN DIEGO	
S.25	@WEBER STATE	
O.2	@SAN JOSE STATE	
O.9	South Dakota	24-23 (OT)
O.23	South Alabama	
O.30	Southern Utah	35-56
N.6	@NORTH DAKOTA	28-20
N.13	@CAL POLY	23-10
N.20	Sacramento State	28-31

Coach: Bob Biggs **Colors:** Yale Blue and Gold
Nickname: Aggies **2009 Record:** 6-5

UCF
Orlando, FL

S.4	South Dakota	
S.11	North Carolina State	
S.18	@BUFFALO	23-17
S.25	@KANSAS STATE	
O.6	UAB	34-27
O.13	@MARSHALL	21-20
O.23	Rice	49-7
O.30	East Carolina	14-19
N.5	@HOUSTON	37-32
N.13	Southern Miss	19-26
N.20	@TULANE	49-0
N.27	@MEMPHIS	32-14

Coach: George O'Leary **Colors:** Gold and Black
Nickname: Knights **2009 Record:** 8-4

UCLA
Los Angeles, CA

S.4	@KANSAS STATE	23-9
S.11	Stanford	16-24
S.18	Houston	
S.25	@TEXAS	
O.2	Washington State	43-7
O.9	@CALIFORNIA	26-45
O.21	@OREGON	10-24
O.30	Arizona	13-27
N.6	Oregon State	19-26
N.13	@WASHINGTON	24-23
N.26	@ARIZONA STATE	23-13
D.4	USC	7-28

Coach: Rick Neuheisel **Colors:** Blue and Gold **Nickname:** Bruins **2009 Record:** 6-6

UNLV
Las Vegas, NV

S.4	Wisconsin	
S.11	@UTAH	15-35
S.18	@IDAHO	
S.25	New Mexico	34-17
O.2	Nevada	28-63
O.9	@WEST VIRGINIA	
O.16	@COLORADO STATE	35-16
O.30	TCU	0-41
N.6	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	21-59
N.13	Wyoming	27-30
N.18	Air Force	17-45
N.27	@SAN DIEGO STATE	28-24
D.4	@HAWAII	34-33

Coach: Bobby Hauck **Colors:** Scarlet and Gray **Nickname:** Rebels **2009 Record:** 5-7

USC
Los Angeles, CA

S.2	@HAWAII	
S.11	Virginia	
S.18	@MINNESOTA	
S.25	@WASHINGTON STATE	27-6
O.2	Washington	13-16
O.9	@STANFORD	21-55
O.16	California	30-3
O.30	Oregon	20-47
N.6	Arizona State	14-9
N.13	@ARIZONA	17-21
N.20	@OREGON STATE	42-36
N.27	Notre Dame	34-27
D.4	@UCLA	28-7

Coach: Lane Kiffin **Colors:** Cardinal and Gold **Nickname:** Trojans **2009 Record:** 8-4

UTAH
Salt Lake City, UT

S.2	Pittsburgh	
S.11	UNLV	35-15
S.18	@NEW MEXICO	45-14
S.25	San Jose State	24-14
O.9	@IOWA STATE	
O.16	@WYOMING	22-10
O.23	Colorado State	24-17
O.30	@AIR FORCE	23-16 (OT)
N.6	TCU	28-55
N.13	@NOTRE DAME	
N.20	@SAN DIEGO STATE	38-7
N.27	Brigham Young	23-26 (OT)

Coach: Kyle Whittingham **Colors:** Crimson and White **Nickname:** Utes **2009 Record:** 9-3

UTAH STATE
Logan, UT

S.4	@OKLAHOMA	
S.11	Idaho State	
S.18	Fresno State	27-31
S.25	@SAN DIEGO STATE	
O.1	Brigham Young	17-35
O.9	@LOUISIANA TECH	23-21
O.23	Hawaii	36-49
O.30	@NEVADA	32-35
N.6	New Mexico State	17-20
N.13	@SAN JOSE STATE	24-9
N.20	Idaho	52-49
D.4	@BOISE STATE	21-52

Coach: Gary Andersen **Colors:** Navy Blue and White **Nickname:** Aggies **2009 Record:** 4-8

UTEP
El Paso, TX

S.4	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
S.10	@HOUSTON	58-41
S.18	New Mexico State	38-12
S.25	Memphis	20-35
O.2	@NEW MEXICO	
O.9	Rice	29-30
O.16	@UAB	33-38
O.23	Tulane	38-45 (OT)
O.30	@MARSHALL	52-21
N.6	SMU	31-35
N.13	@ARKANSAS	
N.20	@TULSA	28-24

Coach: Mike Price **Colors:** Dark Blue, Orange and Silver **Nickname:** Miners **2009 Record:** 4-8

VALPARAISO
Valparaiso, IN

S.2	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	
S.18	St. Joseph's (IN)	6-31
S.25	Drake	14-34
O.2	@DAYTON	7-38
O.9	Marist	0-24
O.16	Jacksonville	20-49
O.23	@SAN DIEGO	7-48
O.30	Butler	14-23
N.6	@CAMPBELL	3-17
N.13	@MOREHEAD STATE	6-29

Coach: Dale Carlson **Colors:** Brown and Gold **Nickname:** Crusaders **2009 Record:** 1-10

VANDERBILT
Nashville, TN

S.4	Northwestern	
S.11	LSU	9-23
S.18	@MISSISSIPPI	7-23
O.2	@CONNECTICUT	
O.9	Eastern Michigan	
O.16	@GEORGIA	10-34
O.23	South Carolina	10-14
O.30	@ARKANSAS	
N.6	Florida	3-27
N.13	@KENTUCKY	13-24
N.20	Tennessee	16-31
N.27	Wake Forest	

Coach: Bobby Johnson **Colors:** Old Gold and Black **Nickname:** Commodores **2009 Record:** 2-10

VILLANOVA
Villanova, PA

S.4	@TEMPLE	27-24
S.11	@LEHIGH	38-17
S.18	Towson	49-7
S.25	Pennsylvania	14-3
O.2	@WILLIAM & MARY	14-13
O.16	@MAINE	
O.23	James Madison	27-0
O.30	Richmond	21-20
N.6	@RHODE ISLAND	36-7
N.13	New Hampshire	46-7
N.20	@DELAWARE	30-12

Coach: Andy Talley **Colors:** Blue and White **Nickname:** Wildcats **2009 Record:** 14-1

VIRGINIA
Charlottesville, VA

S.4	Richmond	
S.11	@USC	
S.25	Virginia Military	
O.2	Florida State	
O.9	@GEORGIA TECH	9-34
O.16	North Carolina	16-3
O.23	Eastern Michigan	
O.30	Miami (FL)	17-52
N.6	@DUKE	17-28
N.13	Maryland	20-9
N.20	@BOSTON COLLEGE	10-14
N.27	@VIRGINIA TECH	13-42

Coach: Mike London **Colors:** Orange and Blue **Nickname:** Cavaliers **2009 Record:** 3-9

VIRGINIA MILITARY
Lexington, VA

S.4	Lock Haven	
S.11	@WILLIAM & MARY	
S.25	@VIRGINIA	
O.2	Presbyterian	31-20
O.9	@STONY BROOK	20-27
O.16	Liberty	14-54
O.23	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	21-31
O.30	@ARMY	17-22
N.6	Coastal Carolina	6-20
N.20	@GARDNER-WEBB	23-27

Coach: Sparky Woods **Colors:** Red, White and Yellow **Nickname:** Keydets **2009 Record:** 2-9

VIRGINIA TECH
Blacksburg, VA

S.6	Boise State*	
S.11	James Madison	
S.18	East Carolina	16-3
S.25	@BOSTON COLLEGE	48-14
O.2	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	38-10
O.9	Central Michigan	
O.16	Wake Forest	
O.23	Duke	34-26
N.4	Georgia Tech	23-28
N.13	@NORTH CAROLINA	17-20
N.20	@MIAMI (FL)	31-7
N.27	Virginia	42-13

** At Landover, MD*

Coach: Frank Beamer **Colors:** Burnt Orange and Chicago Maroon **Nickname:** Hokies **2009 Record:** 9-3

WAGNER
Staten Island, NY

S.11	@ASSUMPTION	
S.18	Cornell	
S.25	Robert Morris	10-37
O.2	Bryant	2-6
O.9	@GEORGETOWN	
O.16	@ST. FRANCIS (PA)	56-48 (OT)
O.23	Duquesne	23-17 (OT)
O.30	@CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	32-27
N.6	Monmouth	27-24
N.13	@ALBANY	28-41
N.20	@SACRED HEART	49-28

Coach: Walt Hameline **Colors:** Green and White **Nickname:** Seahawks **2009 Record:** 6-5

WAKE FOREST
Winston-Salem, NC

S.2	Presbyterian	
S.11	Duke	45-34
S.18	@STANFORD	24-17
S.25	@FLORIDA STATE	28-41
O.2	Georgia Tech	27-30 (OT)
O.9	Navy	10-13
O.16	@VIRGINIA TECH	
O.30	@MARYLAND	42-32
N.6	Boston College	24-27 (OT)
N.13	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	30-24
N.20	Clemson	3-38
N.27	@VANDERBILT	

Coach: Jim Grobe **Colors:** Black and Old Gold **Nickname:** Demon Deacons **2009 Record:** 5-7

WASHINGTON
Seattle, WA

S.4	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	
S.11	Syracuse	
S.18	Nebraska	
O.2	@USC	16-13
O.9	Arizona State	17-24
O.16	Oregon State	21-48
O.23	@ARIZONA	36-33
O.30	Stanford	14-34
N.6	@OREGON	19-43
N.13	UCLA	23-24
N.27	@CALIFORNIA	42-10
D.4	@WASHINGTON STATE	30-0

Coach: Steve Sarkisian **Colors:** Purple and Gold **Nickname:** Huskies **2009 Record:** 5-7

WASHINGTON STATE
Pullman, WA

S.4	@OKLAHOMA STATE	
S.11	Montana State	
S.18	@SMU	30-27 (OT)
S.25	USC	6-27
O.2	@UCLA	7-43
O.9	Oregon	6-52
O.16	Arizona	7-48
O.23	@STANFORD	13-39
O.30	@ARIZONA STATE	14-27
N.6	California	17-49
N.13	@OREGON STATE	10-42
D.4	Washington	0-30

Coach: Paul Wulff **Colors:** Crimson and Gray **Nickname:** Cougars **2009 Record:** 1-11

WEBER STATE
Ogden, UT

S.4	@BOSTON COLLEGE	
S.11	Northern Colorado	28-20
S.18	@SACRAMENTO STATE	49-10
S.25	UC Davis	
O.2	Eastern Washington	31-13
O.16	@IDAHO STATE	44-17
O.23	Portland State	36-29
O.30	Montana	10-31
N.6	@MONTANA STATE	21-26
N.13	@NORTHERN ARIZONA	27-9
N.20	@TEXAS TECH	

Coach: Ron McBride **Colors:** Royal Purple and White **Nickname:** Wildcats **2009 Record:** 7-5

WEST VIRGINIA
Morgantown, WV

S.4	Coastal Carolina	
S.10	@MARSHALL	24-7
S.18	Maryland	
S.25	@LSU	
O.9	UNLV	
O.14	South Florida	19-30
O.23	Syracuse	34-13
O.29	@CONNECTICUT	28-24
N.13	Cincinnati	21-24
N.20	@LOUISVILLE	17-9
N.26	@PITTSBURGH	19-16
D.4	Rutgers	24-21

Coach: Bill Stewart **Colors:** Old Gold and Blue **Nickname:** Mountaineers **2009 Record:** 9-3

WESTERN CAROLINA
Cullowhee, NC

S.4	@NORTH CAROLINA STATE	
S.11	Tusculum	
S.18	@GARDNER-WEBB	20-27
S.25	Chattanooga	20-24
O.2	@CITADEL	14-10
O.9	Samford	3-16
O.16	@WOFFORD	26-35
O.23	Appalachian State	14-19
N.6	@FURMAN	14-33
N.13	Georgia Southern	3-27
N.20	@ELON	17-42

Coach: Dennis Wagner **Colors:** Purple and Gold **Nickname:** Catamounts **2009 Record:** 2-9

WESTERN ILLINOIS
Macomb, IL

S.2	Valparaiso	
S.11	@PURDUE	
S.18	Sam Houston State	35-28
S.25	Indiana State	14-17
O.2	@NORTH DAKOTA STATE	7-14
O.9	@SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	7-27
O.16	Youngstown State	21-31
O.23	@MISSOURI STATE	16-17
O.30	Illinois State	7-25
N.13	@SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	10-30
N.20	Northern Iowa	0-34

Coach: Mark Hendrickson **Colors:** Purple and Gold **Nickname:** Leathernecks **2009 Record:** 1-10

WESTERN KENTUCKY
Bowling Green, KY

S.4	@NEBRASKA	
S.11	@KENTUCKY	
S.18	Indiana	
S.25	@SOUTH FLORIDA	13-35
O.9	@FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	20-37
O.16	Louisiana-Monroe	18-21
O.23	@LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	22-30
O.30	North Texas	49-68
N.6	Florida Atlantic	23-29
N.13	@ARKANSAS STATE	20-24
N.20	Middle Tennessee State	24-62
N.27	@TROY	20-40

Coach: Willie Taggart **Colors:** Red and White **Nickname:** Hilltoppers **2009 Record:** 0-12

WESTERN MICHIGAN
Kalamazoo, MI

S.4	@MICHIGAN STATE	14-49
S.11	Nicholls State	
S.18	Toledo	58-26
O.2	Idaho	
O.9	@BALL STATE	17-22
O.16	@NOTRE DAME	
O.23	@AKRON	
O.30	Northern Illinois	3-38
N.5	@CENTRAL MICHIGAN	23-34
N.13	Eastern Michigan	35-14
N.20	Kent State	14-26
N.26	@BOWLING GREEN	

Coach: Bill Cubit **Colors:** Brown and Gold **Nickname:** Broncos **2009 Record:** 5-7

WILLIAM & MARY
Williamsburg, VA

S.4	@MASSACHUSETTS	
S.11	Virginia Military	
S.25	@MAINE	
O.2	Villanova	13-14
O.9	Rhode Island	39-14
O.23	Delaware	30-20
O.30	@NORTH CAROLINA	
N.6	@NEW HAMPSHIRE	20-17
N.13	@JAMES MADISON	24-3
N.20	Richmond	10-13

Coach: Jimmye Laycock **Colors:** Green, Gold and Silver **Nickname:** Tribe **2009 Record:** 11-3

WISCONSIN
Madison, WI

S.4	@UNLV	
S.11	San Jose State	
S.18	Arizona State	
S.25	Austin Peay	
O.2	@MICHIGAN STATE	38-30
O.9	Minnesota	31-28
O.16	Ohio State	13-31
O.23	@IOWA	10-20
N.6	@PURDUE	37-0
N.13	Indiana	31-28
N.20	@MICHIGAN	45-24
N.27	Northwestern	31-33

Coach: Bret Bielema **Colors:** Cardinal and White **Nickname:** Badgers **2009 Record:** 9-3

WOFFORD
Spartanburg, SC

S.4	@OHIO	
S.11	@CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	42-14
S.18	Union College	
O.2	Furman	21-58
O.9	@GEORGIA SOUTHERN	21-26
O.16	Western Carolina	35-26
O.23	@ELON	6-34
O.30	Citadel	43-17
N.6	@SAMFORD	24-27
N.13	@APPALACHIAN STATE	34-44
N.20	Chattanooga	9-38

Coach: Mike Ayers **Colors:** Old Gold and Black **Nickname:** Terriers **2009 Record:** 3-8

WYOMING
Laramie, WY

S.4	Southern Utah	
S.11	@TEXAS	10-41
S.18	Boise State	
S.25	Air Force	0-10
O.2	@TOLEDO	
O.9	@TCU	10-45
O.16	Utah	10-22
O.23	@BRIGHAM YOUNG	0-52
O.30	San Diego State	30-27
N.6	@NEW MEXICO	37-13
N.13	@UNLV	30-27
N.20	Colorado State	17-16

Coach: Dave Christensen **Colors:** Brown and Gold **Nickname:** Cowboys **2009 Record:** 6-6

YALE
New Haven, CT

S.18	Georgetown	31-10
S.25	@CORNELL	12-14
O.2	Albany	
O.9	@DARTMOUTH	38-7
O.16	Fordham	
O.23	Pennsylvania	0-9
O.30	Columbia	23-22
N.6	@BROWN	21-35
N.13	Princeton	17-24
N.20	@HARVARD	10-14

Coach: Tom Williams **Colors:** Yale Blue and White **Nickname:** Bulldogs **2009 Record:** 4-6

YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Youngstown, OH

S.4	@PENN STATE	
S.11	Butler	
S.18	Central Connecticut State	
S.25	Southern Illinois	8-27
O.2	@MISSOURI STATE	7-17
O.9	North Dakota State	39-35
O.16	@WESTERN ILLINOIS	31-21
O.23	@SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	3-17
O.30	Northern Iowa	7-28
N.6	@ILLINOIS STATE	30-18
N.13	Indiana State	28-0

Coach: Eric Wolford **Colors:** Red & White **Nickname:** Penguins **2009 Record:** 6-5

2010-11 BOWL SCHEDULE

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jan. 10 (Glendale, Ariz.)
#1 BCS vs. #2 BCS
TBD on ESPN

ROSE BOWL
Jan. 1 (Pasadena, Calif.)
BCS vs. BCS
4:30 p.m. on ESPN

FIESTA BOWL
Jan. 1 (Glendale, Ariz.)
BCS vs. BCS
TBD on ESPN

ORANGE BOWL
Jan. 3 (Miami)
BCS vs. BCS
8 p.m. on ESPN

SUGAR BOWL
Jan. 4 (New Orleans)
BCS vs. BCS
7 p.m. on ESPN

Humanitarian Bowl
Dec. 18 (Boise, Idaho)
WAC vs. MAC
5:30 p.m. on ESPN

New Mexico Bowl
Dec. 18 (Albuquerque, N.M.)
MWC vs. WAC
TBD on ESPN

New Orleans Bowl
Dec. 18 (New Orleans, La.)
Sun Belt vs. C-USA
9 p.m. on ESPN

Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
Dec. 21 (St. Petersburg, Fla.)
Big East vs. C-USA
8 p.m. on ESPN

MAACO Bowl Las Vegas
Dec. 22 (Las Vegas)
MWC vs. Pac-10
8 p.m. on ESPN

Poinsettia Bowl
Dec. 23 (San Diego)
MWC vs. Pac-10
8 p.m. on ESPN

Sheraton Hawaii Bowl
Dec. 24 (Honolulu)
WAC vs. Pac-10
7 p.m. on ESPN

EagleBank Bowl
Dec. 29 (Washington, D.C.)
ACC vs. Army or C-USA
2:30 p.m. on ESPN

Alamo Bowl
Dec. 29 (San Anotonio)
Big 12vs. Pac-10
9 p.m. on ESPN

New Era Pinstripe Bowl
Dec. 30 (New York)
Big East vs. Big 12
TBD on ESPN

Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl
Dec. 30 (Fort Worth, Texas)
MWC vs. C-USA
Noon on ESPN

Music City Bowl
Dec. 30 (Nashville, Tenn.)
ACC vs. SEC
5:30 p.m. on ESPN

Holiday Bowl
Dec. 30 (San Diego)
Pac-10 vs. Big12
10 p.m. on ESPN

Liberty Bowl
Dec. 31 (Memphis, Tenn.)
SEC vs. C-USA
3:30 p.m. on ESPN

Meineke Car Care Bowl
Dec. 31 (Charlotte, N.C.)
ACC vs. Big East
Noon on ESPN

Insight Bowl
Dec. 31 (Tempe, Ariz.)
Big 10 vs. Big 12
TBD on NFL Network

Dallas Football Classic
Jan. 1 (Dallas)
Big Ten vs. Big 12
Noon on ESPN

Outback Bowl
Jan. 1 (Tampa, Fla.)
SEC vs. Big Ten
1 p.m. on ABC

Capital One Bowl
Jan. 1 (Orlando, Fla.)
SEC vs. Big Ten
1 p.m. on ESPN

Gator Bowl
Jan 1. (Jacksonville, Fla.)
SEC vs. Big Ten
1:30 p.m. on ESPN2

GMAC Bowl
Jan. 6 (Mobile, Ala.)
Big 12 vs. BigTen
8 p.m. on ESPN

Cotton Bowl
Jan. 7 (Arlington, Texas)
SEC vs. Big 12
8 p.m. on Fox

Papajohns.com Bowl
Jan. 8 (Birmingham, Ala.)
Big East vs. SEC
Noon on ESPN

Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl
Jan. 9 (San Francisco)
Pac-10 vs. WAC
9 p.m. on ESPN

Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
Dec. 26 or 27 (Detroit)
MAC vs. Big Ten
TBD on ESPN

Independence Bowl
TBD (Shreveport, La.)
Big 12 vs. SEC
TBD on ESPN

Champs Sports Bowl
TBD (Orlando, Fla.)
ACC vs. Big East
TBD on ESPN

Texas Bowl
Dec. 29 (Houston)
Big 12 vs. Big Ten
5 p.m. on ESPN

Sun Bowl
TBD (El Paso, Texas)
Pac-10 vs. ACC
TBD on CBS

Chick-fil-a Bowl
TBD (Atlanta)
SEC vs. ACC
Dec. 31 on ESPN

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And I'm succeeding. I have been at or near the top every year since I started. And I keep getting better! My job doesn't get easier. It gets tougher because I demand more and more of myself for my customers.

Example: Last year – for the 5th time in 6 years I set a NEW record for the most outright upset wins in a season – 82! And those were my own records I broke (80 in '08 & '07, 66 in '06, 58 in '04) so I'm basically in a class by myself. But you knew that.

Now how would YOU like to play my nifty covers, my backdoor covers and my dogs-that-win- straight-up - and cash the safest, biggest bets of your life! I mean my **Upset Club.** It makes the most sense because it makes the most dollars. Look how we exploded off the snap in Weeks 1 & 2 last year:

(Yes I give out favorites when no good dogs are available)

10-3-1 WOW!

That was our total for the first two weeks. I couldn't maintain that win percentage - **76.9%** for the whole season. But I do seem to rise to the occasion.

S 3	Boise St	(-3)	Oregon	19-8	W	8
S 4	Tulsa	(-14)	Tulane	37-13	W	10
S 5	Baylor	(+2½)	Wake For	24-21	W	5½
	BYU	(+22½)	Oklahoma	14-13	W	23½
S 6	Memphis	(+17½)	Miss	14-45	L	
S10	Titans	(+6½)	Steelers	10-13	W	3½

NOTE: Every pick I make is submitted (and time stamped via email) to **The Sports Monitor** for independent monitoring, documentation & verification.

Over that same span we won our **September Upset Game of the Year** (S12 Ohio State [+7] USC 15-18) and our **NFL Game of the Month** (S20 Bears [+3] Steelers 17-14).

You get an edge betting dogs. Popular favorites are almost always overpriced. Dogs have the edge in incentive. And think about this: once the favorite establishes a lead, they tend to play conservative, which makes back door covers more likely – another reason **Upset Club.** is the way to go!

Now all my clubs made money last year- my **Perfect Play**, my **Millionaires Club**, and so on. But the one club that made the most profit compared to its cost was my **Upset Club.** Which makes it perfect for the value shopper ambitious to move up the ladder. **Is that YOU?**

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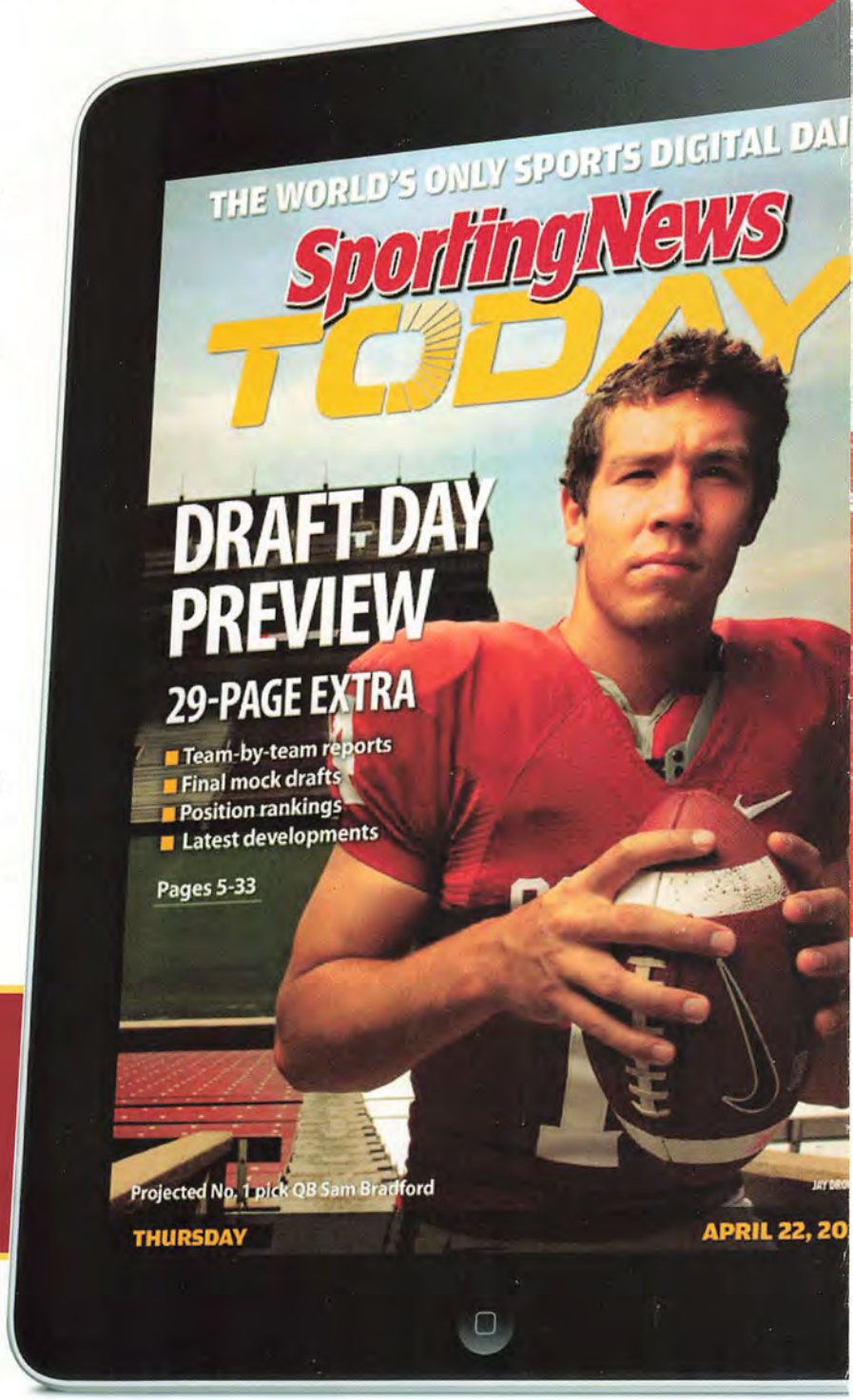

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